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Good evening Seattle. We open tonight with new updates regarding the reported homicide at the Amundsen-Scott research station at the South Pole. As you may recall, on April first of this year, station manager Doctor Lawrence Waynewhite notified authorities at the National Science Foundation in Washington DC, along with executives with the Beauregard-Lowing foundation in Colorado, of the murder of one of their research scientist.

News 32-Seattle has learned through anonymous sources the name of the murdered scientist is Doctor Mark Rodney; 34. An Astrophysicist from Cal-Tech was assigned to the South Pole Station in 2018. Doctor Rodney was discovered stabbed multiple times in his laboratory, located off the central elevated station. Due to extreme temperatures, winds, and other adverse conditions, the station is inaccessible until late September.

The Amundsen-Scott Research Station was established in the 1950s by the US Navy to study the Geophysics of the Polar Region. The station was updated to its current state as an elevated station in 2008. The 80,000 square foot structure contains various scientific labs for physics, climate sciences, astrophysics, and meteorology. The station holds around 150 scientists, administration, and support staff during the five-month summer season. It drops to only 40-50 during the seven-month winter season. The station is inaccessible, with only sporadic internet and Satellite phone access available during peak times of the day.

The United States is the only nation with a research station located at the geographic South Pole. The next closest station is the Russian Vostok station, 800 miles away and equally inaccessible during the winter season.

This death will mark the first recorded case of homicide on the Antarctic continent since men's exploration began in the early 20th century. We reached out for a comment from both the NSF and Beaugard-Lowing, but calls and emails were not returned. The US Marshal's Service; Hawaii District, which has jurisdiction for American outposts in Antarctica, responded by saying they have been in constant coordination with the NSF and medical staff at the South Pole station. They are in the process of selecting a qualified Deputy Marshal to take lead of the investigation when flights resume in September. News 32 will keep you updated as more details are learned.

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