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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: 02/27/2020  
To: San Diego Media  
From: Chula Vista Police Department  
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**Subject: Homicide 700 Block of Glover Avenue in Chula Vista**

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Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 5:34 pm, the Chula Vista Police Dispatch center received a call of a welfare check for a possibly suicidal male in the 700 block of Glover Avenue. The suspect later identified, as John Partain (63 years old), confessed to a relative that he murdered his wife, had a weapon, and was also suicidal.

Chula Vista Police Officers were dispatched to check the welfare of Mr. Partain and his wife. Once Officers arrived, they began speaking with John Partain, who refused to leave his home and would not allow officers to come in to check on his wife. The Crisis Negotiations Team and the SWAT Team were called out to resolve the incident peacefully.

Mr. Partain made numerous statements that he wanted to die by "suicide by cop" and repeatedly confessed to his wife's murder. After 12 hours of intermittent negotiations, Mr. Partain became uncooperative and shut off all communication with negotiators. Negotiators continued their attempts to contact Mr. Partain throughout the incident.

On Friday, February 26, at 6:00 pm, the CVPD SWAT team was able to take Mr. Partain into custody safely. As a precaution, Mr. Partain was transported to a local hospital for clearance. He will later be booked into San Diego County Jail for 187 PC Murder.

Billie Jean Partain (74 years old), unfortunately was located in their home deceased.

We are continuing to investigate this incident; the Chula Vista Police Department asks anyone with information to contact the Chula Vista Police Department at (619) 691-5223 or San Diego Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888)580-8477.

Media are instructed to direct all inquiries to PIO Lt. Miriam Foxx @ 619-585-5670.

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