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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: February 22, 2022
To: San Diego Media
From: Chula Vista Police Department
Contact: Lt. Dan Peak
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Subject: 1500 Melrose Avenue Homicide Media Advisory

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Chula Vista - On February 22, 2022 at approximately 1:00 am, CVPD patrol officers responded to a residence located in the 1500 block of Melrose Avenue reference a victim being attacked by her grandson with a baseball bat. Upon arrival, officers located the suspect later identified as Adrian Gutierrez (18-years-old) standing in the living room. Gutierrez then ran from officers and barricaded himself inside a bedroom.

Officers went into the residence and located his grandmother, Diana Diaz (62-years-old) on the ground in another bedroom. She was unresponsive with serious signs of trauma on her body. Officers and paramedics attempted life saving measures on her and despite resuscitation efforts, she was later pronounced deceased at a local hospital. An additional uninjured resident was also located in the house by officers and escorted to safety.

Gutierrez then armed himself with a knife and a short standoff took place inside the residence. Officers negotiated with Gutierrez who eventually surrendered to officers without incident. Gutierrez was later booked into San Diego County Jail for murder.

The investigation is still on-going but has been able to determine Gutierrez has suffered from past mental health issues. During witness questioning, investigators also learned Diaz reported being attacked by her grandson with a baseball bat prior to passing away.

No further details are expected to be released. Media are instructed to direct all inquiries to PIO Lt. Dan Peak @ 619-585-5670.

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