



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF CRIME: Homicide

LOCATION: 10200 Block of S. Tantau Avenue Cupertino, CA

CASE NUMBER: 17-161-0105C

DATE: June 10, 2017

DETAILS:

On June 10, 2017, at approximately 9:50AM, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office West Valley Patrol deputies responded to a residence on South Tantau Avenue for a death investigation.

The deceased, a 74 year old woman, was discovered by friends on Saturday morning inside her home. The woman lived alone at the residence and was a long-time resident of Cupertino. Once inside the residence, patrol deputies concluded the circumstances of the death required additional investigation.

Sheriff's Office Homicide Investigators and Crime Scene Investigators immediately began working on the death investigation. The investigators determined the manner of death to be a homicide given visible injuries to the victim. Investigators interviewed neighbors, canvassed the area for evidence, and utilized Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue K9s to assist in evidence discovery.

At approximately 10PM, Sheriff's Office Homicide Investigators identified and arrested Suzanne Hernandez for the murder of the elderly female. The motive and events surrounding the murder are still under investigation. However, the victim and suspect do not appear to have any known association prior to the incident at the victim's residence.

Suzanne Hernandez, age 39 from Los Gatos, was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail and is currently being held without bail. Hernandez is believed to have acted alone in this act and there are no additional suspects.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office at (408) 808-4500. Alternatively, you can contact the Sheriff's Office Investigative Services anonymous tip line at phone number (408) 808-4431. No further information will be released at this time.

Booking Photo Attached.

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