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## SAN DIEGO POLICE ANNOUNCE ARREST IN 1971 MURDER

**(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit announces the arrest of 60-year-old Gerald Metcalf for the 1971 murder of Gerald Jackson.**

**Sometime between December 28, 1971 and January 2, 1972, 27-year-old Gerald Jackson was brutally murdered inside of his Pacific Beach residence. Responding officers and detectives determined that the victim's home was ransacked, and much of his property was missing including his vehicle. A few days after the murder the victim's vehicle was found abandoned in Mexicali, Mexico. A pawnshop located near the vehicle, revealed the victim's stolen property and a brief description of the person who "pawned" the property using the victim, Gerald Jackson's identification. Evidence was collected from both the recovered vehicle and the recovered property. A suspect profile and description was developed however the crime remained unsolved.**

**In January of this year, an intern assigned to the SDPD Homicide Cold Case Team submitted a request for re-examination of evidence collected from the 1971 crime scene. Utilizing current forensic technology, investigators were able to match a print found at the original crime scene with the suspect Gerald Metcalf. The murder investigation was re-opened and the Cold Case Team, assisted by the Henderson County (Texas) District Attorney's Office, as well as the San Diego County District Attorney's Office worked collectively to produce the necessary evidence to issue murder charges against Gerald Metcalf.**

**Today, at about noon (Central Time Zone) the Texas Rangers placed Gerald Metcalf under arrest for the murder of Gerald Jackson. Metcalf will remain in custody in Henderson County pending his extradition to San Diego.**

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