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HOMICIDE UNIT ANNOUNCES ARREST IN BAY TERRACES MURDER

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit is announcing the arrest of a 34-year-old male for the murder of 59-year-old John Edward Roberts Jr. earlier today at 6377 Division Street.

Today, at about 6:30 a.m., police officers received a radio call of a deceased male inside of his residence, described as an "independent living facility" located at 6377 Division Street. The female caller, who lives at the above address with the victim and several others, indicated that she found the male deceased inside of his bedroom. Responding officers entered the residence and found the male lying on his bed, the obvious victim of an attack. The victim (59 years) presented no signs of life and he was pronounced deceased at 6:41 a.m. The victim's identity has not been determined, and all information will be withheld pending notification of family members.

At about 7:15 a.m., shortly after the arrival of police officers, 34-year-old Daniel Cruz was located and detained inside of the open garage at 6385 Division Street. Unsolicited statements provided by Cruz as well as apparent blood on his clothing, caused officers to believe that he was involved in the attack. The subsequent investigation confirmed early suspicions regarding Cruz' involvement and he was arrested for murder. Daniel Cruz was transported to police headquarters where he was processed and later booked into County jail at approximately 4:00 p.m. The specific motivation for the attack remains unknown at this time; however the investigation has revealed that Cruz was involved in an on-going dispute with the victim.

An autopsy will be scheduled to identify the cause and the manner of death.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to telephone the homicide unit at (619) 531-2293 or crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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