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POLICE INVESTIGATE DEATH IN EAST VILLAGE HOTEL

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the death of a male in an East Village hotel last night.

On January 14, 2009, at 6:55 p.m., officers responded to a report of death at the Star Hotel, 522 Seventh Avenue. Paramedics confirmed the death of a 67-year-old resident and noted trauma to his body. Officers detained the victim's roommate of one month, 37-year-old Thomas Daniel.

Detectives determined Daniel was involved in an altercation with the victim during the past 48 hours. The Medical Examiner's Office has scheduled an autopsy for later this morning. In the meantime, detectives arrested Daniel for murder. He will be booked into San Diego Central Jail.

The victim's name will not be released pending family notification.

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