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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN TALMADGE NEIGHBORHOOD

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the death of a woman inside a Talmadge apartment this morning.

At 5:31 a.m., officers were dispatched to an apartment in the 4400 block of 47th Street on a report of a person screaming, breaking glass, and throwing things out of his window. Officers arrived to find the second story windows of an apartment completely shattered, with a number of personal items strewn on the ground below.

The suspect, a 63-year-old male, walked down from his apartment and exited the gate onto the sidewalk. As he walked towards officers, he balled up his fists and said things they could not understand. The suspect ignored their commands to stop and continued towards them. In quick succession, pepper spray, bean bag shotgun rounds, a Taser, and physical force were used to subdue the suspect.

Once the suspect was detained, officers conducted a welfare check of the apartment and discovered the body of a deceased female inside. Paramedics confirmed the victim's death at 5:50 a.m.

Detectives are currently writing a search warrant in order to enter the apartment to collect evidence and examine the decedent. The suspect is undergoing surgery for treatment of injuries suffered during the arrest. When he is released, he will be booked into San Diego Central Jail for murder.

The victim has not been positively identified. While the suspect has been identified, his name is being withheld pending identification of the victim and next-of-kin notification.

The motive for the crime is not known.

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