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ARREST MADE IN RANCHO BERNARDO MURDER

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested a suspect in yesterday afternoon's murder in Rancho Bernardo.

Yesterday, at 4:44 p.m., officers were dispatched to check on a 28-year-old female who lived in the 15900 block of Avenida Venusto. The call to SDPD Communications was made by her mother, who was talking to her daughter by phone (from Ohio) as she walked through the parking lot of her apartment complex. The victim's mother heard a male's voice, followed by a screeching or yelling sound, before losing contact with her daughter. After trying unsuccessfully to reach her daughter, she called San Diego Police. Officers entered the victim's apartment using a master key and found her dead from multiple stab wounds.

Detectives worked through the night and identified Richard Saldivar, 40, as the suspect in the murder. Saldivar is the victim's neighbor, and he lives in a ground floor apartment with his wife and children. Detectives located Saldivar at 10:00 p.m. last night while he sat in his vehicle (in the parking lot just west of the crime scene) with his family. Additional evidence enabled detectives to arrest Saldivar at 8:20 a.m. The motive in the crime will not be released.

The victim has not yet been positively identified, so her name will not be released.

Saldivar was booked into San Diego Central Jail for one count of murder.

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