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**Arrest Made in O'Farrell Murder**

**San Diego** – On Saturday, October 22, 2022, at approximately 1:45 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call from a concerned citizen reporting a possible dead body in the 400 block of 61st Street. Officers from Southeastern Division responded and located a deceased male in decomposition at a campsite at that location.

The state of the body made it difficult to determine if the male had any traumatic injuries. Officers conducted a death investigation and the Medical Examiner's Office responded to take custody of the body.

During the autopsy, the Medical Examiner located traumatic injury to the male's upper torso indicating the male's death was a homicide. The San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit coordinated with the Medical Examiner and began an investigation.

The deceased male has been identified as Leonard Watkins. He is described as a 62-year-old Black male.

Detectives identified the suspect as Jenei Pendleton, described as a 34-year-old Black female. The investigation showed that Pendleton shot and killed Watkins. Prior to the shooting, Pendleton and Watkins were acquaintances.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:20 p.m., Pendleton was located and arrested by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. She was transported to San Diego and booked into County Jail for murder.

The investigation is still ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.