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Update on Suspicious Death in Allied Gardens; Body Identified

San Diego – On Friday, December 22, 2023, at approximately 11:45 a.m., officers from Eastern Division responded to the 4900 block of Zion Avenue to investigate a report of death. Essentially, out-of-town family members were at a residence and located a dead body inside of a chest freezer. They immediately called police. Based on the unusual location of the body, the San Diego Police Homicide Unit was called to investigate.

Working with the Medical Examiner's Office, detectives have identified the body as Mary Margaret Haxby-Jones, a white female. She would have been 81-years-old. Detectives believe that at some point prior to the discovery of her body, she lived at the address on Zion Avenue.

The cause of death has not been determined and remains under investigation by the Medical Examiner's Office. However, no obvious traumatic injury to the body was noted. This case remains under investigation as a suspicious death.

Based on the investigation to this point, detectives believe it is possible that Haxby-Jones may have been missing or dead for up to nine years. Detectives are interested in speaking with anyone that may have known her or have relevant information about her.

Anyone with information regarding this incident can call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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