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Arrest in Clairemont Mesa East Homicide

San Diego – A man is in custody after stabbing his mother to death in their apartment in Clairemont Mesa East.

On Thursday, September 19, 2024, at approximately 4:37 p.m., a 30-year-old male called San Diego Police reporting that his mother was having a mental breakdown and threatened him with a butter knife. The location of the radio call was an apartment in the 7300 block of Mesa College Drive where they both reside. Officers from Northern Division responded and contacted the mother. She was evaluated and it was determined she did not meet the criteria for a mental health hold. Her son was not present at that time and officers did not substantiate that any crime had occurred.

Later that day, at approximately 7:54 p.m., a local hospital called San Diego Police to report that the son had showed up with cuts to his hands. The radio call was formatted as a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. Responding officers learned that the male was the reporting party in the prior radio call.

Based on that information, officers returned to the apartment on Mesa College Drive for a welfare check. Officers gained entry to the apartment and located the mother dead from apparent stab wounds. The victim is described as a 60-year-old Black female. Family notifications have been made. She is identified as Jacqueline Aytes. The San Diego County Medical Examiner will determine the extent of her injuries.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene to investigate. They are still working to determine the sequence of events that led up to the stabbing. Detectives are analyzing the scene, attempting to locate and interview witnesses, and canvassing the area for surveillance footage.

The male is in police custody. After being cleared at the hospital for the injuries to his hands, he will be booked into jail for murder. He is identified as Jamal Aytes, described as a 30-year-old Black male. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.