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Indiana Man Arrested for San Diego Homicide from 1975

San Diego - Earlier this week, a man living in Indiana was arrested for the murder of 34-year-old Edmund LaFave in San Diego in 1975.

LaFave was found dead in his home on February 25, 1975. At the time of the incident, San Diego Police officers responded to the 2900 block of Suncrest Dr., where they found LaFave on his bedroom floor in a pool of blood. He had been stabbed multiple times and severely beaten.

Despite an exhaustive investigation at the onset of the case, it eventually went cold. Various Cold Case investigators have reviewed the case over the years, with no resolution. The culmination of the investigation came when investigators used Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Technology and other forensic evidence to identify 71-year-old Johnnie Salisbury of Syracuse, IN. An arrest warrant was obtained and carried out earlier this week.

SDPD's Cold Case Unit worked closely with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and the FBI throughout this investigation. They also received assistance from the Indiana State Police, Syracuse (IN) Police Department, and Kosciusko County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in taking Salisbury into custody in North Webster, IN, on January 21, 2026. He was booked into the Kosciusko County Jail for a homicide warrant and awaits an extradition hearing.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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