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Man Arrested in Santa Cruz for 1994 Pacific Beach Homicide

SAN DIEGO – Detectives with the San Diego Police Department’s Cold Case Unit arrested a suspect on Thursday in connection with the 1994 murder of Clive Bland in Pacific Beach.

On January 2, 1994, SDPD officers responded to the 700 block of Tourmaline St., where Bland was found stabbed to death. The investigation led police to a related crime scene on the beach near Tourmaline Surf Park. Despite extensive investigative efforts at the time, the case eventually became cold.

Over the years, multiple Cold Case investigators re-examined the evidence. Using Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy and other advanced forensic techniques, they identified 50-year-old Jeffry Brandenburg of Santa Cruz, California, as the suspect.

On March 26, 2026, with assistance from the Santa Cruz Police Department, Brandenburg was taken into custody without incident in the 100 block of Coral St. in Santa Cruz. He has since been transported to San Diego, where he was booked for homicide.

The San Diego Police Department worked closely with the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation throughout the investigation.

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

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