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Man Arrested in Arizona for Fatal 2025 Midway District Assault

San Diego – 60-year-old Noel Frischknecht was arrested in Mohave County, Arizona on May 9, 2026, for an outstanding San Diego County Superior Court arrest warrant connected to the death of Brian Salatino. The case stemmed from an assault that occurred on October 26, 2025, in the 3300 block of Midway Drive in San Diego, when Salatino, a 68-year-old man, was attacked.

The assault occurred at approximately 5:42 p.m. when witnesses called 9-1-1 after observing the attack. San Diego Police and Fire-Rescue responded, providing emergency medical aid before transporting Salatino to a local hospital where he remained in a coma. After being hospitalized for approximately 100 days, he succumbed to his injuries and died on February 3, 2026.

Western Division Investigations Bureau detectives initially handled the assault investigation and quickly identified a person of interest. After Salatino's death, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives assumed responsibility for the investigation.

The San Diego Police Department would like to express their appreciation and thanks the Mohave County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Land Management for their assistance in taking Frischknecht into custody.

Frischknecht remains jailed in Mohave County and extradition proceedings are ongoing to return him to San Diego.

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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