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Homicide Unit

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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN RANCHO BERNARDO

(**San Diego**) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the murder of a woman in her Rancho Bernardo apartment yesterday afternoon.

On Thursday, October 22, at 4:44 p.m., officers were dispatched to check the welfare of a 28-year-old female who lived in the 15900 block of Avenida Venusto. The call to SDPD Communications was made by her mother, who was talking to her daughter by phone (from Ohio) as she walked through the parking lot of her apartment complex. The victim's mother heard a male's voice, followed by a screeching or yelling sound, before losing contact with her daughter. After trying unsuccessfully to reach her daughter, she called San Diego Police.

Officers entered the victim's apartment using a master key and found her deceased. They noticed trauma to her torso before securing the residence and requesting Homicide Unit detectives. Detectives are currently serving a search warrant on the apartment to examine the victim and process the crime scene for evidence. A deputy medical examiner has not yet been asked to respond to the scene.

The victim is believed to be the resident of the apartment, but she has not been positively identified. The motive for the attack is not known. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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