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POLICE MAKE ARREST IN MIRA MESA SUSPICIOUS DEATH CASE

San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives have arrested a suspect in the March 12, 2011 death of a woman who resided in the Mira Mesa Neighborhood.

On March 12, 2011, at approximately 12:47 a.m., police were dispatched to a home in the 7700 block of Canyon Point Lane to assist Fire Department Medics with an injured female requiring CPR. The woman's husband reported his wife had fallen down the stairs and was in need of medical attention. The female was transported to a local hospital in critical condition.

Officers conducting the preliminary investigation believed there were suspicious circumstances regarding the death, resulting in the Homicide Unit assuming the investigation. On March 14, 2011, at approximately 9:40 p.m., Karina Ditto (38) died at the hospital, as a result of her injuries. An autopsy was conducted and the Medical Examiner determined Ditto's death to be a homicide.

Homicide detectives have arrested Ditto's husband, David Ditto (43) for murder. Ditto was taken into custody last night, at approximately 8:45 p.m., outside his home, in the Mira Mesa neighborhood. Ditto was booked into San Diego County Jail.