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Police Investigate Homicide in Pacific Beach Neighborhood

San Diego—On Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 1:18 a.m., the San Diego Police Department Communication Center received a 911 call regarding a stabbing at the condominium complex located at 1855 Diamond Street. The first police units to arrive found a 66-year old Filipino male lying in a second floor hallway. He was suffering from multiple stab wounds to his body. Officers provided immediate medical aid to the victim, who was transported by paramedics to Scripps La Jolla Hospital. Unfortunately, the victim was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Officers checked the victim's condominium and located the 37-year old Filipino male suspect and arrested him without incident.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are investigating the incident. The preliminary investigation has shown that the victim and suspect live together and the stabbing occurred inside of their condominium. The victim exited his condominium and ran down the hallway and knocked on a neighbor's door for help. The neighbor called the police. Detectives have not determined what led to the stabbing.

The victim has been identified as Merlino Bautista of San Diego. The suspect has been identified as Bautista's nephew, Randy Baisa, of 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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