



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: September 27, 2016

LOCATION: 800 block of Front St

TOPIC: Homicide Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 16S-08100

INFORMATION:

On Monday September 26, 2016 at 4:59 a.m., Santa Cruz Police Officers responded to a report of a deceased female in an apartment in the 800 block of Front Street. Officers arrived and located the deceased female in her 60's inside the apartment. Based on the suspicious nature of the death, SCPD Detectives responded to investigate what has now been determined to be a homicide.

Over the last 48 hours, SCPD Detectives have been processing evidence and working closely with the County Forensic Pathologist and Department of Justice to investigate the potential crime scene.

Forensic tests and an autopsy confirmed today that the victim suffered a stab wound to the back of her neck. Detectives have identified the victim as Shannon Magner, 66 years old from Aptos.

Detectives have identified a possible suspect and are working with the District Attorney's Office for an arrest warrant. The identity of the suspect will be provided to the media when the arrest warrant has been issued.

At this time, the investigation is on-going. It is believed that the possible suspect has fled the Santa Cruz County area, therefore no longer a threat to the community. The motive is still undetermined.

Detectives are asking anyone with information relative to this case to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigation Unit at (831) 420-5820. Tipsters can also leave an anonymous tip via the methods below.

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke

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Anonymous tips can also be sent to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or from our Website; www.santacruzpolice.com. Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.