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## Homicide in Lake Forest, suspect arrested

**LAKE FOREST, Ca. (March 1, 2023)** – At 1:50 a.m. on March 1, 2023, Orange County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 22000 block of Bellcroft Drive in Lake Forest for an unknown trouble call. When deputies arrived, they located a woman in her 70s with multiple stab wounds inside the residence. The woman was pronounced deceased at the scene. A woman in her 30s and a man in his 70s, both residents of the home, were detained at the scene.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau responded to investigate. At this time, it is suspected that the woman in her 30s is responsible for the murder of the woman in her 70s, who is her mother. The name of the victim is being withheld at this time while the Orange County Coroner positively identifies her. The suspect, Courtney Baker, 32, of Lake Forest, has been booked into Orange County Jail on suspicion of homicide. The man in his 70s was determined to be the informant and is not believed to be involved in the incident, at this time.

If anyone has additional details that may assist investigators, they are asked to contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department at 714-647-7000. Anonymous information may be provided through Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS.

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