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Homicide suspect arrested in San Clemente

San Clemente, Ca. (Jan. 22, 2024): Orange County Sheriff's Department deputies have arrested a man on suspicion of stabbing an 18-year-old male.

At 12:17 a.m. on Jan. 20, deputies were dispatched to the 2000 block of Avenida Del Presidente regarding a report of a stabbing. On arrival, the deputies located the male victim and immediately began lifesaving measures.

Orange County Fire Authority rapidly transported the victim to a nearby hospital. The victim suffered a single stab wound to his groin and was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Later, Saturday, Jan. 20, the suspect, Joshua Guadalupe Garcia, 18, of Santa Ana, was located, taken into custody, and booked on suspicion of murder. A knife was also found; however, further forensic investigations are required to determine if it was the weapon used in the homicide.

The relationship between Garcia and the victim and the reason he attacked him is still under investigation.

This investigation is ongoing. If anyone knows 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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