



***For Immediate Release***

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***Case #MN25-0519***

***\*\*UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE\*\****

## **DEATH INVESTIGATION-UPDATE**

**Menifee, CA** – On Saturday, February 1, 2025, at approximately 2:43 a.m., officers from the Menifee Police Department responded to reports of gunshots in the 25000 block of Mesa Edge Court. Upon arrival, officers discovered the deceased body of a female, later identified as 38-year-old Storm Wolf of Temecula. Officers suspected she was the victim of a homicide, and the case was subsequently taken over by detectives.

Jose Velasquez, a 45-year-old male acquaintance of Wolf from Menifee, was identified as the primary suspect in her death. Velasquez fled the scene before officers arrived. Following investigative leads, authorities determined that Velasquez may have traveled to the city of Santa Ana. The Santa Ana Police Department was contacted for assistance in locating him and his vehicle.

Santa Ana Police officers located Velasquez in his vehicle and attempted to make an arrest. This resulted in a vehicle pursuit, which ended in the city of Newport Beach, where an officer-involved shooting occurred. Velasquez was pronounced deceased at the scene.

This investigation is ongoing and a motive for Velasquez's actions is unknown at this time. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Flores at [Wflores@menifeepolice.org](mailto:Wflores@menifeepolice.org) or (951) 723-1663.

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Given the suspicious circumstances surrounding the death, Menifee Police Department detectives were called to the scene and have assumed control of the investigation.

The deceased is identified as a 38-year-old female, with her identity being withheld pending notification of her next of kin.

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At this time, there is no indication that there is any ongoing threat to public safety.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Flores at [Wflores@menifeepolice.org](mailto:Wflores@menifeepolice.org) or (951) 723-1663.

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