



For Immediate Release
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DEATH INVESTIGATION

Menifee, CA – MENIFEE, CA – On March 21, 2025, at approximately 1809 hours, the Menifee Police Department received a call reporting a female who had possibly fallen in her home and was not breathing. Officers responded promptly to the 27000 block of Adams Avenue in Menifee, where they found a woman, identified as Dixie Ortiz, 60 years old, lying unresponsive on the floor with blood on her face and no obvious injuries. Personnel from Cal Fire responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

Due to the suspicious circumstances surrounding the call, Menifee Police Detectives took immediate control of the investigation. After thorough examination of the scene, investigators located a single wound on the victim, which appeared consistent with a stab wound.

Through their investigation, Detectives identified a male adult family member, Vicente Ortiz, 31 years old, also of Menifee, as the suspect in this case. Vicente Ortiz was subsequently arrested and booked into the Cois Byrd Detention Center on charges of **California Penal Code 187 – Murder**.

Detectives are actively working to determine the motive behind this tragic incident and continue to investigate the circumstances that led to the fatal confrontation.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Alcala at Valcala@menifeepolice.org or (951) 723-1607.

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