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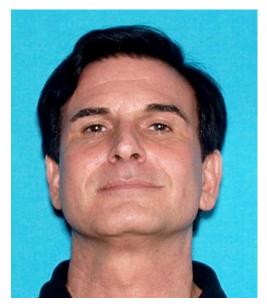
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187 PC - Murder

On 06/14/2016 at approximately 2339 hours, CCPD officers were dispatched to the 69000 block of Heritage Court reference a request to check the welfare of the 66-year-old female resident, Anita Mimie Cowen. Family members had contacted CCPD Dispatch with concerns for Cowen's welfare after speaking with Cowen on the phone earlier, and hearing a verbal and physical disturbance in the background. Upon officers arriving at the residence, officers located Cowen unresponsive in the backyard of the residence. Officers immediately began life-saving procedures but were unable to revive Cowen. Cowen was pronounced dead at 0017 hours on 6/15/2016.

CCPD is investigating this incident as a homicide, and as a result of the investigation, Cowen's roommate, 50-year-old Scott Pettigrew of Cathedral City was arrested for 187 PC - Murder. Pettigrew was booked into the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning.

The investigation is ongoing and CCPD Detectives request if anyone has information regarding this incident, please contact the Cathedral City Police Department at (760)770-0303.



Pettigrew, Scott