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Victim Identified in Hotel Circle Homicide

San Diego – A woman was found dead in a motel room in the Hotel Circle area with obvious trauma related injuries. A man was contacted by police inside the room and taken into custody without incident.

On January 17, 2025, at about 1:46 a.m., officers from the San Diego Police Department Western Division responded to 2424 Hotel Circle North regarding a female who was reportedly unconscious and not breathing in one of the rooms. Officers arrived along with medics and determined the woman was deceased.

Officers contacted two men inside the room, one of whom identified himself as the woman's boyfriend. The woman, described as a 24-year-old Hispanic female, had visible injuries, which resulted in the notification of the Homicide Unit. She is now identified as Vivian Avila of San Diego.

Based on the information gathered thus far, it appears the death is domestic violence related. 19-year-old Victor Cruz of Linda Vista was arrested and booked into County Jail for the homicide.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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