CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT
315 Fourth Avenue, MS P-200
Chula Vista, California 91910-3801

Roxana Kennedy
Chief of Police

# POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: May 25, 2026
To: San Diego Media
From: Chula Vista Police Department
Contact: Lieutenant David Oyos
Phone: 619-585-5670
**Subject: Homicide in the 600 block of Via Curvada in Chula Vista; Suspect arrested**

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Sunday, May 24th, at approximately 1:51 PM, officers from the Chula Vista Police Department responded to a welfare check in the 600 block of Via Curvada in Chula Vista. The reporting party called to report her sister went missing, after she went to her mother's house on Via Curvada to address a problem tenant her mother was renting to. Officers went to the residence, and located the missing person's vehicle, but not the missing person. However, during the welfare check, Officers found evidence that someone had been badly injured and contacted Detectives from the Crimes of Violence Unit to continue the investigation.

The tenant the family was having issues with was identified as 41-year-old Robert Watkins of Chula Vista. The initial investigation revealed Watkins and the missing person were involved in a landlord/tenant dispute. During the dispute, Watkins revealed to Detectives that he murdered the missing person and had disposed of her body near the residence. However, he would not tell Officers where her body could be found.

During the investigation, a person walking their dog saw something suspicious in the bushes at Paseo Del Rey Park and called CVPD. Detectives went to the park and sadly located the deceased victim. Her identity is being withheld until proper notification of family members is made. Watkins was later transported to County Jail and booked on a charge of 187(a) PC – Murder.

The Chula Vista Police Department is actively trying to locate anyone with information about this incident. CVPD asks anyone with information to contact San Diego Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477.

We are actively investigating the incident and appreciate your patience, as we do not expect any further updates on the case today. We will provide further information in a subsequent advisory when it becomes available. Media are instructed to direct all inquiries to pio@chulavistapdca.gov.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prepared By: | Lieutenant David Oyos | Approved By: | A/Chief Dan Peak |
| Copies Sent To: | San Diego Media | Date/Time: | 05/25/26 9:00 PM |