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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 8200 BLOCK OF SOUTH VIA DEL FORJADOR

On the night of January 11, 2022, the Public Safety Communications Department received a 9-1-1 call just after 9:00 p.m. from a residence in the 8200 block of S. Via Del Forjador – in Rita Ranch. The caller told dispatchers that his neighbor came over seeking help, after she had been stabbed in her home. Dispatchers were also informed that the suspect was the victim’s son and that he fled from the area after the stabbing.

Tucson Fire Medics arrived on scene and began rendering aid to the victim while officers from Operations Division East began searching for the suspect. TPD SWAT personnel and K9 units arrived to assist in the search. The suspect was eventually located several blocks away on E. Esmond Loop. Officers detained the suspect and identified him as 13-year-old **Isaiah Ainuu**. TFD had transported the victim to St. Joseph’s Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Several hours later, the victim succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The victim was identified as 60-year-old **Mary Ainuu**.

Detectives from the Domestic Violence Unit and Homicide Unit were contacted and responded to carry out the investigation. After processing the scene and collecting evidence, detectives believe Isaiah was in a verbal confrontation with his mother. As the confrontation escalated, the victim was physically assaulted and ultimately stabbed. No one else was present in the home at the time of the incident. At the conclusion of a search warrant, Homicide Detectives charged Isaiah with 1st Degree Murder/Domestic Violence. He was transported and booked into the Pima County Juvenile Detention Center. Additional details are limited and will be released at a later time.

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