



## SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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### **Suspect Identified and Arrested in 1964 Murder**

On February 16, 1964, Christine Elizabeth Wariner, a 47-year-old female, was found deceased in her Santa Ana residence. She was the live-in manager of the hotel at that location. The investigation revealed that Wariner received blunt force trauma to her head and was sexually assaulted. The scene was processed and several items of evidence were collected. Although the homicide detectives completed a thorough investigation at the time, a suspect was never identified and the case went cold.

In 2006, homicide detectives from the Santa Ana Police Cold Case Unit began reviewing cold homicide cases and came upon the Wariner homicide. They found that several items of evidence collected from the crime scene were still available for testing utilizing modern forensic technology. They felt the chances of having a positive result from re-examining those items might lead to the identification of the person responsible for this homicide.

The evidence was submitted to the Orange County Sheriff's Department's Crime Lab for testing and analysis. Based in large part on the use of modern technology, a match was made on fingerprints recovered from the scene and the suspect was identified.

After numerous interviews and follow-up investigation, the case was presented to the Orange County District Attorney's office. A warrant for murder was issued on November 1, 2007. Santa Ana Police homicide detectives, with the assistance of the United States Marshals, arrested the suspect at his residence.

**Available to the media: Suspect photo and interview opportunities with the PIO.**

**For additional information, contact the PIO, Corporal Jose Gonzalez,  
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