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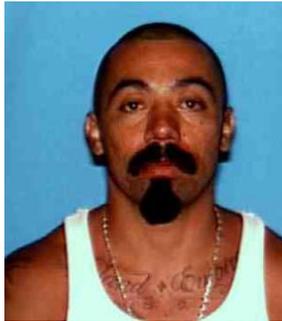
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Release Date: September 6, 2022
Type of Case: PC 187(A)
Location: 1400 E Davidson Street

Sgt. E. Thomas (909) 601-4278
Issuing Employee: Sgt. J. Plummer
Date/Time occurred: 8/23/22 / 3 PM
Case Number: 22-93995



Victim

Eric Israel Mercado (42)
Resident of San Bernardino



Suspect

Trista Spicer (43)
Resident of San Bernardino, Ca.

SUMMARY:

On Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at approximately 3 p.m., San Bernardino Police Homicide detectives conducted a follow-up investigation after receiving information of possible human remains located at a residence within the City and County of San Bernardino.

Investigators corroborated the information provided to them, and in doing so were able to determine enough preliminary information to author a search warrant to search a residence in the 1400 Block of E. Davidson Street for possible human remains.

During the service of the search warrant, investigators observed what appeared to be a makeshift tomb on the property. Investigators entered the makeshift tomb and located human remains inside.

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Homicide investigators identified pertinent information and learned that Trista Spicer and the decedent, Eric Mercado, lived at the residence together. Investigators learned that Mercado had been reported missing by his family in 2014 and had not been seen since.

Based on evidence collected by homicide detectives, it was determined that Spicer was responsible for the murder of Mercado, and an arrest warrant was issued for her.

On September 2, 2022, Investigators with the San Bernardino Police Department located and arrested Spicer in the city of Yucaipa. She was booked into a local jail facility on the charge of murder.

This is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with information regarding the incident is urged to contact Detective T. Montez at montez_ti@sbcity.org / (909) 384-5762 or Sergeant J. Plummer at plummer_jo@sbcity.org / (909) 384-5613.

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