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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION AND ARREST

RIVERSIDE, CA – Early Saturday morning at approximately 12:10 a.m. on July 28, 2018, Riverside Police Officers responded to the 3300 block of Lime Street, in the Downtown neighborhood of Riverside, for an "unknown trouble" call for service. This location is a converted garage behind a residence. When they arrived, officers contacted an adult male outside and an elderly male in medical distress with suspicious injuries inside the garage. Paramedics with the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response responded and life-saving measures were attempted. Unfortunately, the elderly man passed away and was pronounced deceased.

The preliminary investigation showed a caretaker went to the converted garage to check on the 73-year-old elderly victim, but found the door locked. After being unable to open the door with their keys, the adult male suspect suddenly opened the locked door from within. The caretaker noticed the injuries on the elderly victim and notified police.

Detectives with the Robbery – Homicide Unit responded to assume the investigation. They were assisted by Specialists with the Forensics Unit, the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, and the Riverside County Sheriff – Coroner's Office. The identity of the elderly victim is pending the Coroner's investigation and family notification.

Juan Barraza, 18-years-old of Riverside, was later arrested and booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for murder and elder abuse. He is being held with no bail.

There are no other details available at this time as this investigation is still ongoing. If anyone has information about this incident, please contact Detective Dave Riedeman at (951) 353-7244 or driedeman@riversideca.gov, or Detective Jim Brandt at (951) 353-7137 or jbrandt@riversideca.gov. Those wishing to remain anonymous can email rpdtips@riversideca.gov or utilize the Riverside Police Department's mobile app "Submit a Tip" feature while referencing incident number P18140383.

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