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RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: April 22, 2019
TYPE OF INCIDENT: PC 187(a) - Murder
LOCATION: S. Warner St. and W. Wilson Ave.
VICTIM: 31 year old Ridgecrest Resident
SUSPECT: Steven Earl Caldwell – 42 year old Ridgecrest resident.

RESUME OF INCIDENT

On April 22, 2019, Ridgecrest Police Department Officers and Detectives responded to the area of S. Warner St. and W. Wilson Ave. regarding a subject down in the roadway. While enroute, dispatch received several 911 calls reporting the subject had been stabbed. Upon arrival, officers located the victim suffering from an injury to the upper torso. The victim was provided first aid by first responders and then transported to the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Investigation revealed that Steven Caldwell, who lived within close proximity to the scene area, was involved in a physical altercation with the victim. During this altercation, the victim was stabbed by Caldwell. Caldwell was taken into custody without incident and subsequently transported to Central Receiving Facility – Bakersfield.

The victim's name is being withheld pending family notification by the Kern County Coroner's Office.

If there are any witnesses to this incident, please contact Detective Harlow at 760-499-5112.

Jed McLaughlin, Chief of Police
PREPARED BY: Sgt. R. Marrone
Tuesday, April 23, 2019