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Press Release

Police Department

Costa Mesa man arrested in a 30-year-old Torrance murder investigation



Today the Torrance Police Department Cold Case Homicide Unit arrested a suspect for the 1979 murder of Torrance resident Lynn Knight.

Douglas Gordon Bradford, 57 years old from Costa Mesa, was arrested near his home for the 30-year-old murder case. Bradford was charged Tuesday with one count of murder in the August 29, 1979 garrotement and fatal stabbing of Lynn Knight. The complaint included the special allegation of use of a deadly weapon.

Lynn Knight, a 28 year old nurse, was repeatedly stabbed and strangled in her Anza Avenue apartment.

Douglas Gordon Bradford is being held on \$1.02 million dollars bail. If convicted, he faces 26 years to life in prison.

Bradford is scheduled to be arraigned Thursday at Torrance Superior Court, Department 4.

This case is under the direction and supervision of Captain David Smith, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau of the Torrance Police Department.

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