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Glendale Police Investigate Weekend Homicide

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On Saturday, January 18th, 2014 at approximately 5:45 PM Glendale Police officers responded to a call of an injured person in an apartment in the 6200 block of W. Olive Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located a 43 year old male deceased inside the apartment. The male was located with several cuts to his body and a cord around his neck. He was later identified as Jason Ash, a Phoenix resident.

Glendale Police Homicide Detectives responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. Preliminary indications into this case, which is still under investigation, revealed that the caller to Glendale Police was the resident of the apartment. According to her, she had left the apartment while her 16 year-old daughter and her daughter's male friend, Ash, were inside. The mother later received a call from her daughter indicating that the daughter and Ash were involved in a consensual sex act involving strangulation and the male was deceased. The mother returned to the apartment and called police. While the mother attempted to render life-saving measures to Ash, the 16 year-old fled the scene.

During the investigation, the 16 year-old returned to a neighboring apartment and was identified by a resident and was taken into custody by Glendale Police Detectives without incident. During an interview, the 16 year-old suspect confessed to strangling Ash during a sex act and then later cutting him. The 16 year-old was transported and booked on a charge of 2nd degree homicide. There are currently no charges pending against the suspect's mother however the case is still under investigation.

Due to the age of the suspect in this case the Glendale Police Department is not currently releasing her name. The Glendale Police Department has yet to positively confirm with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office that she will in fact be charged as an adult. If and when the Maricopa County Attorney's Office confirms that decision, they can at that time release her name and we can confirm it.

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