



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Unit

Media Information

SUBJECT: Suspect Arrested for 2017 Jamul Murder of his Wife

LOCATION: 15100 Drapers Mill Road, Goldsboro Maryland

DATE/TIME: October 30, 2018 / 3:30 a.m. PDT

VICTIM: Melissa Estrada Whitby, age 49

SUSPECT: Winnie Perry Whitby, age 49

On December 30, 2016, co-workers reported Melissa Whitby missing. Her husband, Winnie Whitby, reported that Melissa had left their home on 17120 Skyline Truck Trail, Jamul, the night before on December 29th.

Melissa Whitby's body was found along a hiking path in the 15800 block of Skyline Truck Trail in Jamul. The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy and determined Melissa sustained trauma to her body and her death was the result of a murder. Evidence gathered over the course of the yearlong investigation linked Winnie to the murder of Melissa Whitby.

San Diego Sheriff's Homicide Detectives, the Maryland State Police and the U.S. Marshals Service arrested Winnie Perry this morning at 15100 Drapers Mill Road, Goldsboro Maryland. Winnie was booked into the Talbot County Jail in Easton Maryland on an arrest warrant for PC§ 187, Murder.

We are asking anyone who may have seen any related suspicious activity, or with any information about this crime, to please call the Sheriff's Homicide Unit at (858) 285-6330/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477, or visiting the Crime Stoppers website at <https://www.sdcrimestoppers.org/>

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