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Media Release: April 1, 2021 Homicide Suspect Arrested

On March 30, 2021 at around 9:40pm deputies were called to the 100 Blk of De Laney Avenue for reports of a family disturbance. Deputies arrived and located a victim suffering from multiple stab wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim has now been identified as 55-year-old Francisco Diaz.

The suspect was identified as Francisco's brother, 38-year-old, Seledonio Diaz of Watsonville. Through the investigation, detectives determined Seledonio was located at a hotel on the 8100 Blk of Monterey Road in Gilroy.

On April 1st at around 1:00pm after several hours barricaded in a room speaking with negotiators, Seledonio surrendered peacefully and was taken into custody with the help of the Gilroy Police Department, Gilroy-Morgan Hill Regional SWAT Team, Gilroy Police Department Negotiators and Santa Clara Police Department.

Seledonio is being booked into the Santa Cruz County jail for murder.

The motive is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this case, please contact Sergeant Detective Burnett 831-454-7702.

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