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Tuesday, December 29, 2020:

On December 27, 2020, at about 1330 hours, officers were dispatched to the 15600 Block of Palm Drive, for a check the welfare. Officers arrived and discovered a deceased 39-year female inside her home. Detectives took over the investigation and are treating it as a homicide.

UPDATE:

On Monday January 4, 2021, at about 2200 hours, Desert Hot Springs Detectives obtained information that led to the arrest of 41-year-old Joseph Montanez of Desert Hot Springs. Montanez was later booked for Murder at the Banning Jail.

Anyone with additional information pertaining to this investigation is encouraged to contact Det Kupka at (760) 329-2904 ext. 354 or Sgt Weigle at (760) 329-2904 ext. 285.

Media Inquiries should be directed to Doria Wilms, Assistant City Manager and Public Information Officer for the City of Desert Hot Springs at (760) 333-0518 or via email at dwilms@cityofdhs.org

Anyone wishing to provide additional information on this case should contact Det. Kupka with the Desert Hot Springs Police Department at (760) 329-2904 ext.354 or the Watch Commander, (760) 329-2904 Ext.302. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at (760) 341-STOP.

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