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Glendale Police Arrest Weekend Homicide Suspect

(Glendale, AZ) – Glendale Police identify the suspect in a weekend homicide as 25-year-old Alejandro David Gonzalez.

On Friday, September 27, 2024, at about 11:45 PM, Glendale Police responded to a residence near 4400 W. Keim Dr., regarding an unknown trouble call for service. The callers reported finding their family member, identified as 49-year-old Teresa DeJesus Cruz Rubio, dead.

Officers arrived and confirmed the reported information as they discovered the decapitated body Cruz Rubio. Homicide Detectives responded to continue the investigation.

It was learned, the family had prepared a surprise birthday celebration for the victim. Earlier that day at around 3:40 PM, family members contacted the victim, who had agreed to gather with them. When the victim failed to show up to the gathering, the family became concerned and went to her home where they discovered her decapitated body.

Additional information led detectives to believe the victim's son, Alejandro Gonzalez, was involved. Alejandro stole the victim's vehicle and was seen travelling alone, westbound at around 4:52 PM. At around 5:18 PM, Alejandro contacted family members using the victim's cell phone.

The stolen vehicle was discovered by Phoenix Police at 2:40 AM on 9/28/2024, near 99th Ave. and the Interstate 10. Alejandro was taken into custody and transported to the Glendale Police Station for questioning.

Post Miranda, Alejandro admitted to stabbing his mother numerous times using a kitchen knife, followed by decapitating her. Alejandro was booked into the Maricopa County Jail and was charged with 1st Degree Murder and Theft of Means of Transportation.



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Alejandro David Gonzalez (24)

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