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STATE IN THE INTEREST OF C.D.

On October 3, 2025, at approximately 4:00 AM, the Vineland Police Department responded to a report of a possible homicide at a residence on Union Road, Vineland. Upon arrival, officers located Christina Asselta, age 38, who had sustained multiple stab wounds. Despite immediate efforts to render medical aid, Ms. Asselta succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

A joint investigation was promptly initiated by the Vineland Police Department and the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office. The investigation led to the identification and apprehension of a 17 year old juvenile suspect who knew the victim.

The suspect was taken into custody at the scene without incident and has been charged with the following offenses under New Jersey Statutes:

- **Murder** (Purposeful), N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3A(1)
- **Murder** (Knowing), N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3A(2)
- **Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Knife)**, N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5D
- **Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose**, N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4D

The juvenile is currently detained and the investigation remains active. Authorities believe this was an isolated incident with no ongoing threat to the community. Additional details regarding the circumstances of the incident are not being released at this time due to the ongoing nature of the investigation and the suspect's status as a juvenile.

Anyone with information related to this incident may contact:

****If this press release involves the charging, accusation or indictment of a criminal defendant, same is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.***

- **VPD Detective Glenn Capazzi:** (856) 691-4111, Ext. 4139
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Tips may also be submitted anonymously online at:

- VPD.TIPS; or
- CCPO.TIPS

When providing information, please reference **VPD Case #47554-2025**.