



## ***Press Release***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 19, 2022

**Incident:** Homicide on March 15, 2022

**Report Number:** 220315033

**Location:** Lindenwood St., Fremont, CA

**Contact:** Fremont PD Detective Jacob Blass

### **March 15, 2022 Homicide on Lindenwood Street**

On March 15, 2022, at approximately 5:15 p.m., Fremont patrol officers were dispatched to an "Ascertain the Problem" call in the area of the 40000 block of Lindenwood St. As officers were responding, the incident was upgraded to a shooting and several callers advised that the victim was lying on the ground. The suspect also called Dispatch and advised that he had shot the victim and would await the arrival of officers. He advised Dispatch that he would relinquish his firearm when officers arrived on scene. Officers arrived on scene and located the shooter, who was identified as 77-year-old Colorado resident Franklin Earl Lynch. Lynch was taken into custody after he surrendered his firearm as instructed by responding officers. Officers and medical personnel provided medical aid to the 34-year-old victim; however, the victim was pronounced deceased at 5:32 p.m.

While investigating this incident, it was determined that a disturbance had occurred between the involved parties and escalated into a shooting. Lynch provided a limited statement to detectives; however, several witness statements have also been taken. The Fremont Police Department is currently investigating this case as a homicide and detectives are still conducting follow up to determine a motive. Lynch was booked at Santa Rita Jail and the case was presented to the District Attorney on March 17, 2022. The District Attorney's Office has charged Lynch with one count of murder, and numerous enhancements, including the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

If anyone has information regarding this investigation, they are asked to contact Detective Jacob Blass at [510-790-6900](tel:510-790-6900) or via email [jbllass@fremont.gov](mailto:jbllass@fremont.gov). We also accept and welcome anonymous tips. To send a web tip, go to <https://local.nixle.com/tip/alert/5788118> or text your tip, by typing TIP FREMONT PD followed by your short message to 888777.

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