

Son Shoots Mother, Kills Himself

An 84-year-old San Pedro woman was reported "improved" this morning after being shot by her son, who then took his own life.

Mrs. Angela Sabano, shot in the shoulder by Peter Sabano, 56, at her home at 1024 W. 18th street yesterday, was convalescing at San Pedro Community Hospital this morning.

Police said her son, Peter, shot her with a .44 caliber revolver and then turned the gun on himself in a fit of despondency.



MRS. ANGELA SABANO

The tragedy was discovered by a daughter, Joaquiame Beckham, who stopped at the Sabano home early Wednesday afternoon on a visit.

Mrs. Beckham found her mother still conscious but bleeding profusely from the shoulder wound and her brother lying in the bedroom dead from a bullet in the chest.

From a suicide note signed by Sabano, officers concluded he was despondent over ill health and because he had recently been laid off from a job he held for 27 years.

Sabano apparently suffered from a heart condition.

In his note, he said, "I feel too litty to go get myself a job under the present conditions."

Relatives said he had been particularly despondent over losing his job after so many years service.

Sabano explained in his note that he shot his mother because he did not want to leave her behind.

His body was taken to Halverson's Mortuary in San Pedro.

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