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## TRAGEDY IN ADEJE MOUNTAINS

# German resident kills wife and son

The Islands reeled to the news of the latest domestic violence incident, as a father stands accused of battering his wife and 10 year old son to death in the Adeje mountains, in front of their six year old son, who alerted authorities.

Thomas Handrick (43), from Germany, has been remanded in custody on suspicion of murder and refused the right to bail. However, as of going to press, he has denied killing the two members of his family, despite evidence that seems to indicate otherwise.

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Security forces searched for the mother and son through low cloud

## NEW ROUTES FOR FAST FERRIES?

# Environmental protection

Marine mammals are regularly found washed up dead or severely injured on Canarian shores, with the latest finds driving the Tenerife Island Council into making a statement on the urgent need for changes to transport and excursions. On behalf of the Council, tourism councillor Alberto Bernabé made a public demand that current fast ferries, which are regarded as one of the main causes of the deaths and injuries, change their route between La Gomera and Tenerife, even if it increases costs. "It may take five minutes longer to get to La Gomera and may be a little more expensive, but on the other side, the whales and dolphins are suffering and dying, and these are living creatures," he explained.

The first practical step has been to ask Maritime Authorities to meet with the two ferry companies and work out another route on a voluntary basis. At the moment, the route runs directly through the middle of the area where large numbers of cetaceans rest and



Within a very short time, five bags of plastic came together

eat. The ferries will need to consider taking a slightly longer path, but negotiations are ongoing. Bernabé also called on the Canary Islands Government to put a stop on licenses for boats to offer excursions to see the

whales and dolphins. There are currently 77 companies offering these types of trips, which attract at least 700,000 tourists annually. In addition, there are several dozen more boats that run excursions illegally. Several studies have

already pointed out that marine animals in the area are suffering from stress, and although there are controls in place, they are basic and not enforced regularly.

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