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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN 1993 MURDER CASE

Investigators from the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit and the San Diego County District Attorney's Cold Case Team have announced the arrest of a suspect in a 1993 murder case that occurred in Mount Hope.

On September 11, 1993, Vincent Taylor was shot in the 700 block of Gateway Center Drive. The 26-year old victim had been sitting in a parked car when he was approached by a suspect and shot in the head at close range. The suspect fled the scene, leaving Taylor severely injured. His car then caught fire as the engine overheated. Responding firefighters discovered him and transported him to a hospital. He died as a result of his injuries on October 4, 1993.

Homicide Unit detectives conducted an exhaustive investigation at the time, and though they believed the murder was gang-related, the case went unsolved for the next 14 years. The case was reviewed in 2006 by cold case homicide investigators from the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit and the District Attorney's Office. Investigators from the District Attorney's Cold Case Team reopened the case and developed additional evidence which led them to a suspect.

On June 5, 2007, Leslie Elliott (34) was arrested at a residence in the 700 block of Ossage Street in Spring Valley by officers and agents from the U.S. Marshal's San Diego Regional Fugitive Task Force and investigators from the District Attorney's Office.

Elliott was booked into San Diego County Jail on a $1 million murder warrant.

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