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SUSPECTS CHARGED IN JULY, 2005 LIQUOR STORE MURDER

Two suspects have been charged in the July, 2005 murder of 35-year-old Doraid Toma at T&M Liquors in Colina Del Sol.

On July 12, 2005, a masked suspect armed with a shotgun attempted to rob T&M Liquors, located at 4245 El Cajon Boulevard. An employee tackled the suspect from behind and disarmed him. The suspect fled from the store without the weapon.

On July 13, 2005, at 4:44 p.m., officers responded to a report of gunshots heard at T&M Liquors. They found salesman Doraid Toma lying on the floor inside the business. Mr. Toma died at the scene. The investigation revealed that Mr. Toma was standing by the counter, talking to a store employee, when the suspect entered and immediately shot him with a handgun. As the employee behind the counter scrambled for cover, the suspect shot Toma a second time as he lay on the ground. The suspect reached over the counter and fired several rounds at the employee, but missed him. The suspect then fled the store.

After an exhaustive investigation by the SDPD Homicide and Robbery Units, the SDPD Crime Lab, and the District Attorney's Office, two suspects were identified in Mr. Toma's death. On July 10, 2007, Sadiq Saibu, 23, and Antonio Valentino, 24, were charged with murder. Saibu and Valentino are already imprisoned on unrelated charges.

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