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ARREST MADE IN VALENCIA PARK DOUBLE MURDER

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit announces the arrest of a suspect in the murders of two teenagers in the Valencia Park Area.

Monique Palmer (17) and Michael Taylor (15) were shot and killed in the 200 block of San Jacinto Drive at 12:55 a.m. on December 6, 2008. Palmer and Taylor had just left a party in the area and were walking with friends when the shootings occurred.

Derelle Oliver (18) was arrested on December 6, 2008, and charged with assault with a deadly weapon for threatening people at the party with a gun and later threatening Palmer and her friends. Oliver has been out on bail since December 7, 2008.

After further investigation, and discussions with the District Attorney's Office, members of the Gang Suppression Team arrested Oliver, this evening, at his home in the Rolando area. Oliver has been booked in County jail on two counts of murder.

The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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