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ARRESTS MADE IN OCTOBER 4, 2008 MURDER AT SDSU

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested four suspects in the October 4, 2008 stabbing death of 22-year-old Luis Santos on 55th Street in the College West neighborhood.

On October 4, 2008, at approximately 2:15 a.m., Santos and four friends were leaving a party when they became involved in a verbal altercation with a second group of four males. The altercation escalated to a physical fight, during which Santos and two of his friends were stabbed, and a fourth friend was injured. The suspects fled on foot, and Santos died at the scene.

Homicide Team II identified the four suspects who participated in the fight that ended with Santos' death and the other victims' injuries. Detectives obtained arrest warrants for the suspects' arrests, and travelled to the Sacramento area this morning to serve those warrants.

With the assistance of the Elk Grove Police Department and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, detectives arrested Ryan Jett, Esteban Nunez, Leshanor Thomas, and Rafael Garcia at various locations in Sacramento County. All four suspects are 19 years of age.

The suspects will be transported to San Diego, where they will be booked into San Diego Central Jail and charged with one count of murder and three counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

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