THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEDIA ADVISORY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

10/27/08

The family of Federico "Rico" Borjas has asked that the following information be shared with the media regarding the public viewing, funeral and burial. Their primary request is that the privacy of family members, friends, fellow servicemen and fellow officers be respected. Media are asked not to enter the church to photograph or videotape during the viewing or the funeral.

The funeral will take place at The Rock Church, 2277 Rosecrans Street, San Diego on Wednesday, October 29 from noon to approximately 1:30 p.m. (see below for full schedule).

Special Note: Parking for live trucks only at The Rock Church will be set aside on Womble Street between Truxtun Road and Rosecrans Street.

The burial will take place at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. The media policy of FRNC is that media may maintain a respectful distance at the monument (main gate area) to photograph/videotape the military ceremony which will take place at the monument but once the family moves to the actual burial site, media are asked to respect the privacy of the family. Also, media are asked not to photograph/videotape individual headstones at FRNC.

Captain Timothy Jones (U.S. Army Civil Affairs) served with Sergeant Borjas and will be available to speak with the media beginning Monday, October 27, 2008. Captain Jones can be reached at (610) 608-9522.

Schedule of viewing and services – The Rock Church

- Tuesday, October 28, 2008 between 4 and 9 p.m. - public viewing
- Wednesday, October 29, 2008 between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. – public viewing
  Funeral begins at noon and will conclude at approximately 1:30 p.m.
- Interment will take place between 2 and 3 p.m. at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Federico G. Borjas memorial fund set up at the San Diego Police Officer's Association, 8388 Vickers Street, San Diego, 92111, (858) 573-1199.

Statement by Chief Lansdowne: "Rico will always be a member of our family here at SDPD. We will miss him and we appreciate his service to the people of San Diego, as well as his sacrifice in service to this great country."

Additional pages of this document include a statement by the Borjas family; a biography of Officer Borjas written by his family; and a news release provided by the U.S. Army. A photograph of U.S. Army Reservist Sergeant Borjas is also included.

Statement from the Borjas Family

This is a very difficult time for us and our hearts and souls weep more intensely for our loss, we ask for your prayers. The Borjas family is sincerely touched by the concern and interest all have taken in Sgt. Federico "Rico" Borjas' life.

He had achieved so much in his career and touched so many people's lives. We are proud of our son's life, accomplishments, family and his career. While a U.S. Marine, "Rico" was selected as an Honor Guard for President Nixon, also while in the Corps he made the "Iron Man" category for his physical fitness. Our son also accomplished many milestones while working with the San Diego Police Department, being selected as a member of the SWAT team and serving for 7 years, and also boxing for the department.

We would like to thank his friends, work colleagues, and his fellow Soldiers at the 416th Civil Affairs Battalion, for their sincere expressions of sympathy during this very difficult time.

Your support is appreciated as we mourn the loss of our son who was a devoted father, a caring son, dedicated police officer and a selfless Soldier.

Please remember our Rico's life, his happy memories, favorite expressions or advice he ever offered. Keep our family and friends close in your heart and prayers.

- By Sword, Deed and Word -