Romel Velarde Homicide

$1,000 Reward

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers, working with the National City Police Department's homicide unit, is seeking any information regarding the murder of Romel Velarde.

On January 19, 2007, at about 6:30 p.m., 16-year-old Romel Velarde was shot and killed in front of his house. Velarde was standing in his driveway located in the 2300 block of East Division Street in National City. Two unidentified males were seen running from the area. A brown van or sports utility vehicle was seen driving away from the area immediately after the murder.

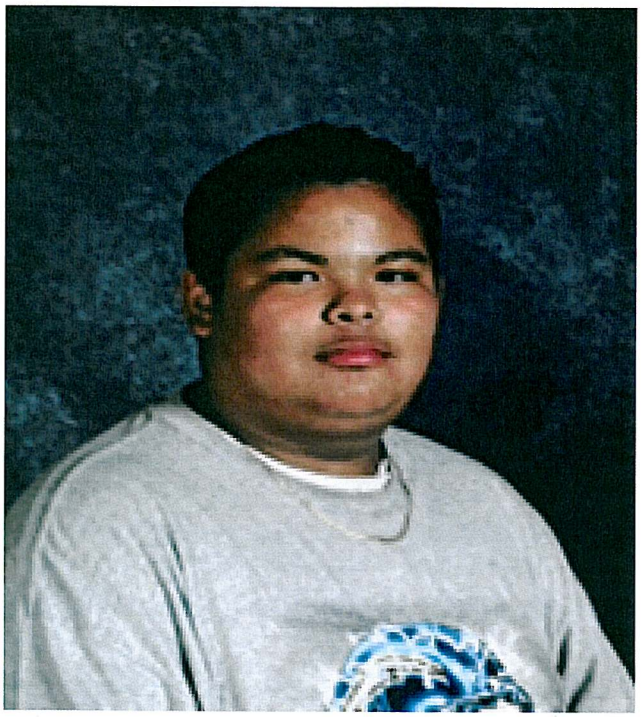
A picture of Romel Velarde can be found on Page 2 of this release.

Anyone with any information on who murdered Romel Velarde is asked to call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-TIPS.** Crime Stoppers is offering up to a $1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to a felony arrest.

Media inquiries should be directed to:

- **Questions regarding the homicide should be directed to National City Police Detective Chris Cameon at (619) 336-4471.**
- **Questions regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.**

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a $1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed $1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-TIPS.



Victim: *Romel Velarde*

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