



## Police Looking for Omar Maldonado in Connection with the Murder of Leah Tadeo; Reward Increased to \$10,000

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers, working with the SDPD Homicide Unit and the family of Leah Tadeo, are asking for the public's assistance to help locate Omar Maldonado. Maldonado is wanted for the murder of Leah Tadeo. Crime Stoppers and the Tadeo family have now increased their combined reward to a total of \$10,000.

The homicide occurred back on February 17, 2000. 17-year-old Leah Tadeo was at a party in the 4300 block of Logan Avenue; Maldonado was also at the party. Without being provoked, Maldonado shot Tadeo in the back of the head with a shotgun. Maldonado fled to Mexico and detectives believe he has been living in Tijuana with family members ever since. Maldonado may also visit Mexicali and Rosarito Beach. The SDPD Homicide Unit will be providing updated wanted flyers to law enforcement officials in Mexico over the next few weeks. *A picture of Omar Maldonado and a copy of the flyer is attached to this release.*

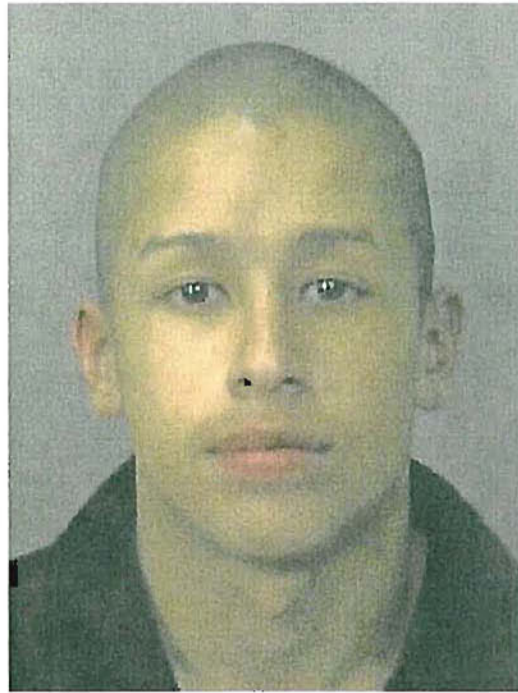
Anyone with information on the location of Omar Maldonado is asked to call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line** at (888) 580-TIPS. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to the arrest of the suspect. The Tadeo family is offering up to \$9,000 to anyone with information that leads to the arrest and extradition of the suspect. Collect calls are accepted and callers may remain anonymous.

*Media inquiries should be directed to:*

- *Questions regarding the Homicide should be directed to Lt. Jeff Sferra at (619) 531-2275.*
- *Questions regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.*
- *Questions regarding the Tadeo Family should be directed to Tami Ballard at (619) 531-2657.*

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.

**SE BUSCA POR EL CRIMEN  
DE ASESINATO  
RECOMPENSA \$10,000**



**OMAR EMMANUEL MALDONADO 01-06-1983**

**ALTURA: 1.5 metros, PESO: 54 kilos, DELGADO, PELO CORTO**

El día 17 de Febrero del año 2000, en una fiesta realizada en la ciudad de San Diego, en el estado de California, Maldonado asesino, sin provocación, una jovencita de 17 años, matándola con un tiro de una escopeta a la parte posterior de la cabeza. Por los últimos seis años Maldonado ha vivido en Tijuana en la casa de sus abuelos localizada en la Calle Fermín Rivera en la Colonia Río Porte. El Gobierno Federal de México ha expedido una orden de arresto provisional para Maldonado. Se recompensa \$10,000 dólares de parte de la familia de la víctima y la organización *Crimestoppers* por información que lleve al arresto de Maldonado y que se acabe con la extradición de Maldonado a los Estados Unidos.

**LLAME (888) 580-TIPS**

**Encargado: Sargento Tony Johnson, Unidad de Homicidio del Departamento de Policía de San Diego, 24 horas, día o noche (619) 929-9242.**