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**Arrest Made in 2021 Homicide in Mt. Hope Neighborhood**

**San Diego** – On Sunday, June 20, 2021, at about 8:15 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received several calls reporting numerous gunshots and a person had been struck by a vehicle and was pinned underneath it at 4100 F Street in the Mt. Hope neighborhood.

Officers from Southeastern Division arrived at the location and found a male with traumatic injuries pinned underneath a dark colored Honda. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene at 8:23 p.m.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and began investigating the incident. Detectives learned that some sort of altercation occurred between the deceased male and the occupants of the dark colored Honda. During the altercation, several shots were fired and the male was struck and dragged by the Honda. The Medical Examiner has confirmed the male also had gunshot injuries. The Honda was abandoned at the scene.

The deceased male has been identified as David Aviles, 56, of San Diego.

During the course of the investigation, detectives identified Fernando Arellano, 20, as a suspect in this case. On January 13, 2022, just before 1:00 p.m., Arellano was arrested in Tecate, Mexico for the murder of David Aviles. Arellano was turned over to United States authorities at the border. Arellano has been booked into San Diego county jail and charged with homicide.

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

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