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MARCH 31, 2016 ARSON AND SUBSEQUENT HOMICIDE ON 2200 DONAX AVENUE

On Thursday, March 31, 2016, at approximately 11:40 a.m., San Diego Police Communications Center received a call of a fire in a house on 2200 Donax Avenue.

When San Diego Police Department officers arrived on scene they saw smoke billowing out of the home. They were informed that a resident of the home, 63 year old Joseph Garza, was still inside. Fire personnel entered the home and found Garza unconscious. Garza was removed and transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation. Two responding SDPD officers also suffered smoke inhalation and were treated at a nearby hospital and released.

Officers identified 47 year old Glenda Coronado as the suspect in the arson and arrested her at the scene. It was determined that Coronado was also a resident of the home and had deliberately set a fire inside of her bedroom.

San Diego Metro Arson Strike Team Investigators were called to the scene and conducted the initial investigation. Coronado was arrested for arson and arson with great bodily injury. The District Attorney's Office charged Coronado with one count of arson and three (3) counts of arson with great bodily injury. Coronado was subsequently sent to Patton State Hospital for evaluation.

On September 8, 2016, Garza passed away.

On October 12, 2016, the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office determined that smoke inhalation had contributed to Garza's death and ruled his death to be homicide. The case was reassigned to the SDPD Homicide Unit.

Due to the circumstances surrounding Garza's death, whether or not Garza's death was a reportable homicide required further review. After review and consultation with the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Garza's death will be recorded as a 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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