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**San Diego Police Arrest Suspect who Committed Double Homicide in Otay Mesa
West Neighborhood**

San Diego—On Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 2:45 a.m., a San Diego Police Officer who was patrolling the area of 3400 Palm Avenue found two males who appeared to be sleeping in front of a closed business. When the officer contacted them, he determined both males were deceased. During a later examination of both bodies, it was apparent both victims had numerous stab wounds to their chest.

The first victim was identified as 56-year old Curtis Murray and the second victim was identified as 61-year old Albert Stringer. Both victims were homeless and frequented the neighborhood.

During the subsequent investigation, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives identified the suspect as 52-year old Ricardo Valles. Valles is also homeless. On May 23, 2017, at approximately 6:30 p.m., uniformed San Diego Police Officers located Valles at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Beyer Way. He was arrested by San Diego Police Officers and later booked into San Diego County Jail on two counts of 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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