



Suspect(s) Wanted in Unsolved Homicide

\$1,000 Reward Offered

December 10, 2015

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Detail are asking for assistance from the public to help identify and locate unknown suspect(s) wanted for this homicide.

On May 6, 2015, at about 4:35 p.m., 33-year-old Francisco Castro was found unconscious on the sidewalk in front of the 7-11 located at 900 N. Santa Fe Avenue in Vista. Mr. Castro suffered major head trauma when the back of his head hit the sidewalk. Investigators believe that he was involved in a physical altercation with an unknown suspect(s). At least three other Hispanic male adults were seen with the victim just prior to the incident and may have witnessed the altercation. A juvenile or a group of juveniles walking in the area may have also seen what happened. Detectives would like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed what happened to Francisco Castro.

Francisco Castro had been in a coma and on life support since the incident. He was taken off life support and died on November 9, 2015.

Pictures of the victim and possible witnesses to this crime are on page 2 of this release.

Francisco Castro's brother and sister will be available for media interviews today at 10:00 a.m. in front of Sheriff's Headquarters, located at 9621 Ridgehaven Court San Diego, CA 92123.

Detectives are asking anyone who witnessed the incident or knows of anyone who witnessed the incident to please call the Sheriff's Homicide Detail at (858) 974-2321. Anyone with information on the identity and/or location of the suspect(s) is asked to call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent via www.sdcrimestoppers.org.

- Media inquiries about the case can be directed to Sheriff's Homicide Lt. Kenneth Nelson (858) 974-2321.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547 or Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500.

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Victim: Francisco Castro



Possible Witnesses: