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**Arrest Made for Homicide in Otay Mesa West**

**San Diego** – On November 25, 2021, at 11:29 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call regarding a possible hit and run traffic collision involving a vehicle and a bicycle at 3700 Arey Drive in the Otay Mesa West neighborhood.

When officers from Southern Division arrived, they located an injured male down in the roadway next to a bicycle. Paramedics transported the male to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The male was identified as Octavio Mendoza, described as a 40-year-old Hispanic male.

San Diego Police Traffic Detectives responded to investigate and gathered information indicating the traffic collision may have been intentional. In an abundance of caution, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to investigate. Detectives established the collision was an intentional act and investigated the case as a homicide.

Fernando Salazar, described as a 51-year-old Hispanic male and Mexican citizen, was identified as the suspect in this case. On March 7, 2022, at approximately 10:00 a.m., he was stopped crossing northbound at the San Ysidro Port of Entry. He was arrested for murder and booked into County Jail.

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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