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Update on North Park Homicide

San Diego – On March 26, 2022, at approximately 3:45 p.m., patrol officers assigned to the San Diego Police Mid-City Division conducted a traffic stop on a red Ford Focus near the intersection of El Cajon Boulevard and Texas Street. The traffic stop was for traffic infractions, including excessive speed.

When officers contacted the occupants of the vehicle, they discovered that the only passenger in the vehicle was injured and bleeding heavily, from what appeared to be at least one stab wound to his lower body.

Officers began life saving efforts until medics arrived. The male was transported to a local hospital where, unfortunately, he died from his injuries. The male has been identified as Nikko Guardado. He is a 23-year-old Native American male.

Homicide Detectives were called to the scene. Based on the preliminary investigation, it appears the suspect stabbed the victim at least once in an alley near 3600 Bancroft Street. The exact circumstances surrounding the stabbing are still being investigated. Detectives identified 32-year-old Hispanic male, Alberto Barraza, as the suspect, and began working to locate him.

On Sunday, March 27, 2022, Barraza was arrested at his residence near 3600 Bancroft Street. He was booked into Jail for murder.

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

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