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### **Case Update and Arrest Warrant in Pacific Beach Shooting**

**San Diego** – On September 13, 2022, at approximately 12:30 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call regarding an injured woman on the beach near 700 Reed Avenue. Officers from Northern Division responded to the call and located the woman with bystanders rendering aid. The woman appeared to have at least one gunshot wound to her upper body.

Officers took over lifesaving measures until San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel arrived and transported the woman to a local hospital. Unfortunately, the woman was pronounced deceased at the hospital. She is described as a 65-year-old Hispanic female. She has been identified as Mary Garcia.

San Diego Homicide Detectives responded to investigate. As the investigation progressed, detectives began to gather evidence that the woman's injuries were caused by another person. Probable cause was developed that 27-year-old Daniel Caldera, described as a Hispanic male, was the suspect. Caldera is the victim's son. On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Caldera was contacted and arrested at 4400 Mission Boulevard. He was booked into jail for murder.

Following Caldera's arrest, detectives continued to gather evidence, interview witnesses, and investigate the crime. Information was developed that removed Caldera as a suspect. Detectives immediately contacted the District Attorney's Office regarding the information gathered and all charges against him were dismissed. Caldera was released from jail on September 20, 2022.

The additional information gathered directed investigators towards a 27-year-old Hispanic male named Felipe Villegas. Probable cause was developed that Villegas committed the murder.

Detectives determined that, after the murder, Villegas had left San Diego and driven to Texas. On Friday, September 16, 2022, he was arrested in Pecos, Texas for unrelated

offenses in Pecos and Monahans, Texas (multiple charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated robbery). Villegas is still in custody in Texas.

On October 12, 2022, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Villegas and are working with authorities in Texas to ultimately have him extradited to San Diego.

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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