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**Identifications from Nestor Murder-Suicide**

**San Diego** – On Friday, October 28, 2022, at approximately 11:00 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a “report of death” call in the 2300 block of Grove Avenue. Officers from Southern Division responded to the call and located a male and a female inside an apartment. Both were obviously deceased with apparent gunshot wounds. A firearm was located inside the apartment.

The deceased male has been identified as Manuel Valenzuela Jr. He is described as a 20-year-old Hispanic male. He lives at the apartment where he was found.

The deceased female has been identified as Abigail Lugo Lopez. She is described as a 16-year-old Hispanic female. She lived in San Diego at the time of her death.

San Diego Homicide Detectives responded to investigate. The preliminary information gathered is that witnesses heard gunshots inside of the apartment. Shortly after that, one of Valenzuela’s family members entered the apartment and discovered the two bodies. Multiple people then called the police. Based on the investigation, it appears Valenzuela shot Lopez, and then shot himself.

Valenzuela and Lopez were in a dating relationship. At this point, it is still unclear what motivated the murder-suicide. Detectives continue to work through the evidence.

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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