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Arrest Made and Victim Identified in Shooting Death of Male in Grantville

San Diego – On March 27, 2023, at 5:51 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a radio call reporting a shooting in a parking lot of the 10900 block of San Diego Mission Road in the Grantville neighborhood of San Diego. Officers from Eastern Division were dispatched and arrived within minutes. Upon arriving, they found a male in the parking lot suffering from a gunshot wound to his chest. Officers performed life saving measures until paramedics from San Diego Fire-Rescue arrived and transported the male to a local hospital. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of officers and medical personnel, the male suffered catastrophic injuries and he was pronounced deceased at the hospital at 6:32 a.m. The victim in this homicide has been identified as Pedro King of Chula Vista. He is described as a 38-year-old Hispanic Male.

As officers responded to this call and conducted their preliminary investigation, they learned a white, silver, or light-colored vehicle may have been involved in the shooting and sped away from the area. San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and have spent the past week investigating this incident, which included canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses, reviewing surveillance video, and collecting numerous items of evidence related to this case.

As a result of their efforts, 28-year-old Fernando Limon Mata of Stockton was determined to be a person of interest in this case. In addition, it was determined Mata was driving a reported stolen vehicle at the time of this incident. Homicide Detectives shared this information with our regional law enforcement partners, and on March 29, 2023, at approximately 8:15 p.m., detectives from the Escondido Police Department located the stolen vehicle in the area of 1300 West Valley Parkway in the City of Escondido. Escondido Police stopped that vehicle and arrested Mata and a female companion for possession of a stolen vehicle. Homicide Detectives continued to work this case and during the course of their investigation, developed probable cause to arrest Fernando Mata for the murder of Pedro King.

On April 3, 2023, Mata was still in custody at San Diego County Jail when detectives booked him for one count of murder. The San Diego Police Department would like to thank the Escondido Police Department for their assistance in this case.

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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