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**Arrests Made and Victim Identified in Stabbing Death of Male in Logan Heights**

**San Diego** – On Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 10:32 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call reporting a male had been stabbed at the trolley in the Logan Heights neighborhood of San Diego. Officers from Central Division and paramedics from San Diego Fire-Rescue were dispatched and arrived within minutes of the original call. Upon arriving, they found a male suffering from at least one stab wound to his chest. Paramedics transported the male to a local hospital but despite the best attempts of medical personnel, the male died at the hospital a short time later.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and have spent the past several days investigating the incident. It is still early in the investigation and little is known about the circumstances leading up to the male's death. However, detectives have learned the victim got involved in a brief verbal argument with a small group of males and a female in the moments before a fight broke out. During this altercation, the victim was stabbed at least one time in the chest and beaten. The suspect group fled the area.

The victim has been identified as Michael Goodin of San Diego. He is described as a 70-year-old Black male.

During the course of this investigation, Detectives identified Rafael Chavarria and Angelo Soto Vargas as suspects in this case. Chavarria is described as a 36-year-old Hispanic male. Vargas is described as a 29-year-old Hispanic male. Both are residents of San Diego.

On August 28, 2023, at 8:45 p.m., Chavarria was located by security officers from the Metropolitan Transit System at the trolley stop at 1255 Imperial Avenue in San Diego. MTS officers detained Chavarria and notified the San Diego Police Department. Officers responded to that location and arrested Chavarria per this case.

On August 29, 2023, at 5:15 a.m., Vargas was located at a camper he was residing in along the 3300 block of K Avenue in San Diego. Vargas was arrested per this case. Both Chavarria and Vargas were booked into San Diego County Jail for murder and elder abuse.

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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