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Arrest Made in 2022 Shelltown Homicide

San Diego – A man was arrested for the 2022 Shelltown murder of 40-year-old Mario Galvez.

On Monday, September 5, 2022, at 5:51 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received multiple calls about a person being shot in the 1600 block of Una Avenue in the Shelltown neighborhood of San Diego. Officers from Southeastern Division responded to the location and arrived within minutes. Upon arriving, officers found a male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to his upper body and head. Officers called for medics and began performing life saving measures until paramedics arrived. The male was subsequently transported to a nearby hospital where, unfortunately, he was pronounced deceased at 7:27 p.m. The victim was identified as Mario Galvez of San Diego. Galvez was described as a 40-year-old Hispanic male.

San Diego Police homicide detectives were called to the scene to investigate. They learned the victim was outside of his vehicle and shot multiple times by an unknown assailant, fatally striking him in the upper body and head. The suspect was described as a Hispanic or White male, heavy set, in his late 20s to mid-30s wearing dark clothing. The suspect was initially seen on foot and following the shooting fled the scene in a mid-size sedan.

Through the use of technology and tenacity, homicide detectives identified 37-year-old Marcanthony Valencia as the suspect in the case. On June 30, 2025, at about 4:15 p.m. homicide detectives arrested Valencia at his work site, located at 4401 Twain Avenue. He was booked into the San Diego County Jail on one count of murder and other firearms related charges.

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

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