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Two Suspects Arrested in Grant Hill Double Homicide

San Diego — On January 19, 2026, at about 12:26 a.m., San Diego Police Communications received an anonymous report of two people lying on the street on the 100 block of 27th Street. The caller stated that one of them appeared bloody. Officers responded and located two adults, a male and female, both had been shot. The first was described as a Hispanic male in his late 20's or early 30's. He is now identified as 31-year-old Ruben Chavez of San Diego. The second was described as a Hispanic female in her late 20's or early 30's. She is now identified as 28-year-old Evelyn Virgen of San Diego. Officers performed CPR on both victims, but neither survived their injuries.

Officers looked inside a vehicle parked near the victims and observed three young children, all under the age of two, seemingly unharmed inside. These children were taken into protective custody and have since been determined to be Virgen's children. The vehicle was registered to Virgen.

Homicide Detectives were called to investigate and have learned that Chavez and Virgen were in a dating relationship. They had both been involved in an ongoing dispute with Chavez's ex-girlfriend, 25-year-old Princess Perez, and her current boyfriend, **21-year-old Ramses "Rex" Morales**. Both Perez and Morales had been in the area when the shooting occurred, but fled prior to police arrival.

On January 19, 2026, at 10:05 a.m., Perez and Morales were both detained by Border Patrol at the San Ysidro Port of Entry as they attempted to re-enter the United States. They were processed and interviewed by homicide detectives and ultimately booked into Las Colinas and County Jail, respectively, each for two counts of murder.

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

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