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CASE UPDATE: Extradition of Suspect in Pacific Beach Homicide from 2022

San Diego – On September 13, 2022, at approximately 12:30 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call of an injured woman on the beach near the 700 block of Reed Ave. in Pacific Beach. Officers from Northern Division responded and located the woman receiving medical aid from bystanders. The woman appeared to have suffered at least one gunshot wound to her upper body.

Officers took over lifesaving measures until San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel arrived. The victim was transported to a local hospital, where she was unfortunately pronounced deceased. She was later identified as 65-year-old Mary Garcia.

Homicide detectives were called to the scene and began investigating. As the investigation progressed, detectives determined that Ms. Garcia's injuries were the result of a homicide, and 27-year-old Felipe Villegas was identified as the suspect. There does not appear to be any known connection between the victim and the suspect in this case.

Immediately following the incident, Villegas fled San Diego and drove to Texas. On September 16, 2022, he was arrested in Pecos, Texas, for multiple violent crimes committed in Pecos and Monahans, Texas, including aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated robbery.

Villegas remained in custody in Texas until February 25, 2026, when San Diego Police Department investigators traveled to Texas and extradited him to San Diego. Villegas was booked into San Diego County Jail where he remains in custody.

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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