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# **Man Arrested in Chicano Park Murder, Victim Identified**

**San Diego** — On May 6, 2026, at about 10:05 p.m., San Diego Police Communications received an anonymous report of a man shot on the south sidewalk of 2000 National Avenue. As officers arrived, they observed the victim, described as a 64-year-old Hispanic male, on the ground. The responding officers and medics provided medical aid at the scene, but the man did not survive his injuries. The victim is now identified as Raul Torres.

The suspect, described as a Hispanic man in his 20's, fled north into Chicano Park. The Homicide Unit was notified and is conducting the investigation. Detectives have since identified 31-year-old Benito Garcia Jr. as a suspect in the case. On May 12, 2026, at about 1:00 p.m. Garcia was located on the 3600 block of Grand Avenue in San Marcos and arrested for the case. He was booked into County Jail without incident. 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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