



STATEMENT

Councilmember Gloria Comments on Arrest of Suspect in Series of Attacks on Homeless

Councilmember Condemns String of Assaults, Assures Public Safety

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SAN DIEGO, CA (July 15, 2016) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria released the following statement after today's announcement from the San Diego Police Department regarding the arrest of Jon David Guerrero, 39, in connection with the recent series of violent murders and attacks on homeless individuals throughout the City of San Diego.

"With today's arrest, I am hopeful that these senseless and cowardly attacks on some of our city's most vulnerable neighbors will now come to a definitive end," said Councilmember Gloria. **"No community should ever be serially terrorized or forced to live in fear, and I have the utmost confidence that our police department will continue to ensure that all residents and all communities remain safe and that the District Attorney's Office will prosecute to the fullest extent."**

"Let us not forget, however, that these crimes capitalized upon the vulnerability of those living on the streets, which means that we must continue to push for increased permanent supportive housing options throughout our city that will get these individuals off the streets and into safety. I applaud and commend our Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman, Captain David Nisleit, and all of our officers for their diligent work around the clock to solve and bring this case to justice."

San Diego Police Detectives apprehended Jon David Guerrero in Bankers Hill this morning following two new attacks on unsuspecting homeless individuals in Golden Hill and East Village. Since the attacks began on July 3, three have been killed and at least two more were injured. Guerrero is expected to face three counts of murder, two counts of attempted murder, and two counts of arson.

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