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ARREST MADE IN 2005 MURDER

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested a suspect in the April 2005 murder of 23-year-old Valentin Madrigal.

On April 28, 2005, at about 3:50 p.m., the occupants of two vehicles got into a confrontation in the area of Euclid Avenue and Guymon Street. As both vehicles waited in the left-hand turn lane to Guymon Street, an occupant of the victim vehicle got out and broke the back window of the suspect vehicle. As the victim vehicle pulled around the suspect vehicle, the driver of the suspect vehicle fired several gunshots, striking the vehicle and both occupants. The victims were able to drive to the 1000 block of Winston Drive, where the driver stopped, knocked on a stranger's door, and asked for help. The citizen called for an ambulance and police.

Arriving officers found the driver suffering from a gunshot wound and the passenger, Valentin Madrigal, near death inside the vehicle. Paramedics pronounced Madrigal dead at the scene.

Detectives identified the shooting suspect as Alexander Antunez, then 18 years of age, and learned that the incident was the last in a series of confrontations between Antunez and Madrigal.

Antunez fled to Mexico after the murder and is believed to have remained there for the past 4 ½ years. Detectives recently located Antunez in Morelia, Mexico, and notified the United States Marshals Service. On December 23, 2009, Mexican law enforcement officers arrested Antunez in Morelia. Last night, Homicide Unit detectives escorted Antunez back to San Diego and booked him into SD Central Jail for one count of murder and one count of attempted murder.

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