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ARRESTS MADE IN 2003 MURDER

(**San Diego**) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested two suspects in the 2003 murder of 26-year-old Khadar Hassan.

On August 14, 2003, at about 3:00 a.m., Hassan and several friends went to a taco shop at the corner of Winona Avenue and University Avenue. As they waited for their order, two masked suspects approached on foot. One of the suspects armed with a handgun, demanded Hassan's (and his friends) belongings. During the attempted robbery, Hassan was shot to death, and the suspects fled on foot.

Homicide Team III has investigated the case for the past six years, and they identified Shane Pilson, 22, and Sherman Strong, 30, as the suspects. On June 5, 2009, a judge approved arrest warrants charging Pilson and Strong with murder.

This morning, at 11:45 a.m., detectives from the department's Criminal Intelligence Unit, the Regional Fugitive Task Force, and El Cajon Police arrested Pilson in the 1200 block of Oakdale Avenue in El Cajon. Strong is in prison on unrelated charges and will be returned to San Diego Central Jail for arraignment.

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