



## Candle Light Vigil in Remembrance of Guillermo Esparza to be Held on Saturday

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers, in conjunction with the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit and Guillermo's family and friends, are asking for the public's assistance to help identify and locate the person(s) responsible for his murder.

Investigators said on August 21, 2009, at about 2:15 a.m., patrol officers received a radio call of a shooting at 7300 Paradise Valley Road. Southeastern Division patrol officers arrived on-scene and found a Hispanic male suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. The victim, later identified as Guillermo Esparza, was found near the north sidewalk of 7300 Paradise Valley Road, near the intersection of Briarwood Road. Paramedics arrived with patrol officers and attempted life saving measures however the victim died at the scene as a result of the gunshot wounds.

The investigation has revealed that the victim and a male friend were walking together on the north sidewalk of 7300 Paradise Valley Road, when they were confronted by two suspects who were also walking on Paradise Valley Road. A verbal altercation occurred between the young men. The suspect then displayed a handgun and shot and killed Guillermo.

***On Saturday, October 10, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., Guillermo's family and friends will hold a candle light vigil at the scene of the crime, 7300 Paradise Valley Road, San Diego, CA. Guillermo's family will be available for interviews at that time.***

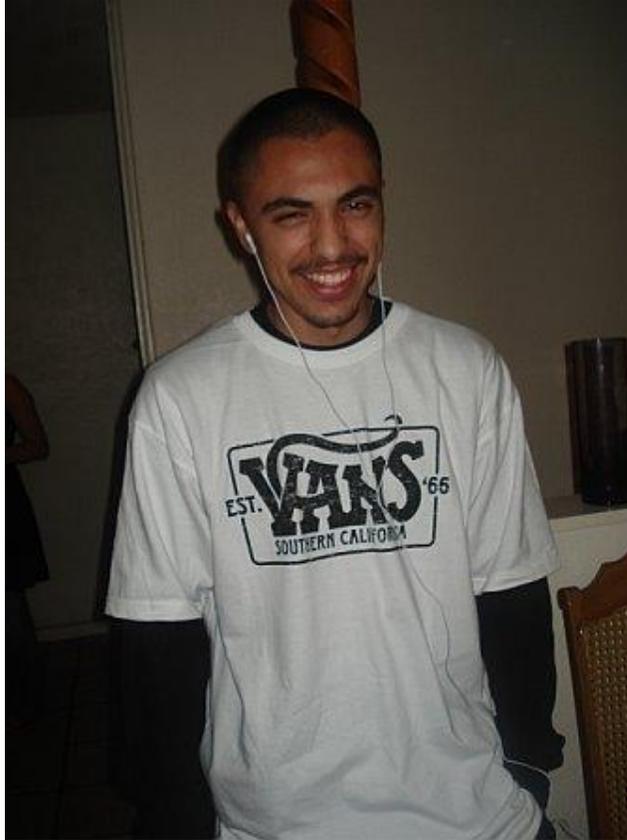
***A picture of Guillermo is attached to this release.***

Anyone with information related to this murder investigation should call the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at **(888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect(s). Collect calls are accepted and callers may remain anonymous.

***Media inquiries should be directed to:***

- ***To schedule an interview with the family, please call Guillermo's sister, Angela Meza, at (619) 892-0001.***
- ***Questions regarding the Homicide should be directed to Lt. Ernie Herbert at (619) 531-2275.***
- ***Questions regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.***

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc. in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-8477.



Guillermo Esparza

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