



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego Police Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: October 29, 2010 (Thursday)

Time: 1000 Hours

CONTACT: Lieutenant Ernie Herbert

Homicide Unit

(619) 531-2275

ARREST MADE IN 2007 NEW YEAR'S EVE MURDER IN GOLDEN HILL

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit and the District Attorney have announced the arrest of a suspect in the December 31, 2007 murder of fourteen year old Ahlyja Pinson.

Pinson was murdered on New Year's Eve inside a vacant house located at 2900 "E" Street. Homicide investigators conducted a thorough investigation at the time, but the initial leads in the case were exhausted, causing the case to remain unsolved for nearly three years.

Homicide investigators continued to review the case on a regular basis, and continued to ask the public for assistance in solving the murder. During their review, investigators developed additional evidence which led them to identify Antero Cruz (23) as being responsible for the murder. An arrest warrant was obtained for his arrest.

Last night, at 9:00 p.m., investigators located Cruz in the 2800 block of Clay Avenue. Cruz was booked into the San Diego County Jail for the murder.

....

###