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Victim Identified in City Heights Murder

San Diego - On December 5, 2019, at approximately 5:42 a.m., several witnesses called 9-1-1 to report a man and a woman arguing in front of a home on the 3800 block of 46th Street. At least three witnesses also reported seeing the man shoot the woman.

SDPD officers were dispatched and arrived on scene within minutes. When they arrived, they found a 29-year-old woman suffering from a gunshot wound to her chest. A 28-year-old man was standing nearby and taken into custody. Despite providing life-saving aid, the victim died at the scene.

Detectives from the San Diego Police Homicide Unit were called to the scene.

The victim has been identified as Julia Serrano of San Diego. The suspect has been identified as Fernando Avila. Prior to this incident, the San Diego Police Department did not have any reported domestic violence incidents involving Serrano and Avila.

Domestic Violence can affect anyone. There are resources available for anyone who experiences, witnesses or hears about domestic abuse. We encourage everyone to seek assistance from the San Diego Family Justice Center (<https://www.sandiego.gov/sandiegofamilyjusticecenter>).

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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