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**Victim Identified In Suspicious Death In Tijuana River Valley**

San Diego- On March 14, 2019, the body of an unidentified man was found partially covered in water, mud and debris in the Tijuana River behind the Las Americas Premium Outlets. The man appeared to have been there for some time. Due to the condition of the body, no obvious signs of injury were noticed. The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office took custody of the man's body and an autopsy was performed on March 15, 2019. During the autopsy, traumatic injuries were discovered prompting a police investigation.

The San Diego Police Homicide Unit was notified and is handling the investigation. The investigation is in the preliminary stages and the injuries suffered by the man will not be disclosed at this time. The area where the man's body was discovered is very close to the border between the United States and Mexico. Based on the location and condition of the body, investigators believe the death occurred in Mexico and his body was washed into the United States by recent storm runoff into the Tijuana River. Investigators will be communicating with Mexican authorities to coordinate the investigation in Mexico.

The victim has been identified as 48 year-old Francisco Pulido-Amaro. Mr. Amaro is a citizen of Mexico and has no known contacts in San Diego County. Efforts to locate his next of kin on either side of the border have been unsuccessful.

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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