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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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To: San Diego Media

From: Chula Vista Police Department

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Subject: Sunset View Park- Homicide Suspects Arrested

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Today, Chula Vista Police announced the arrest of Larry Bradford (18-years old) and one juvenile offender (16-years old) for the murder of a 17-year old victim that occurred at Sunset View Park in Chula Vista on Thursday, March 11th, 2021.

Police originally responded to a report of gunshots in the area of Sunset View Park. When officers arrived on scene, they located one juvenile male victim down on the ground with gunshot wounds. Due to the victims age, his identity has not been released. The victim was transported by paramedics to a local area hospital and despite lifesaving measures, he passed away.

The investigation has shown the victim went to the park prior to the shooting with several acquaintances. While at the park, a physical fight took place between the group. After the fight, two subjects brandished handguns and began shooting the victim. The reason for the fight and motive for the shooting remains unknown.

Chula Vista Police worked to identify and locate the offenders responsible for this shooting. On Monday, March 22nd, Bradford and the 16-year-old offender were located by investigators in a Spring Valley residence. Both Bradford and the 16-year-old offender were taken into custody without incident. Bradford was later booked into county jail on the charge of accessory to murder and the 16-year-old offender was booked into Juvenile Hall on the charge of homicide.

The investigation is still on-going but has been able to determine an additional offender, Deonte Martinez (22-years-old) also shot the victim during the incident. Martinez's location is currently unknown, and he should be considered armed and dangerous.

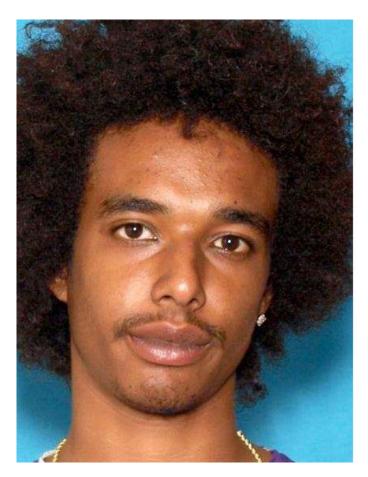
The Chula Vista Police Department is currently trying to locate Martinez and any witnesses to this incident. Anyone who may have any information regarding Martinez's location, or this incident is

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asked to please contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477, or CVPD at 619-691-5151.

We are actively investigating the incident and we appreciate your patience since we do not expect to have any further updates on the case today. We will provide further information in a subsequent advisory when it becomes available.

Media are instructed to direct all inquiries to PIO Lt. Dan Peak @ 619-585-5670.



DEONTE MARTINEZ – WANTED for HOMICIDE