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Subject: Media Update- May "Maya" Millete Investigation – Joint Multi-Agency Working Group

Message: Investigative Update for April 21, 2021 (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

Over three months have now passed since the disappearance of May "Maya" Millete. May was last seen on 01/07/2021 by family members at her residence located in east Chula Vista. Early into the investigation the Chula Vista Police Department began partnering with regional law enforcement agencies in the hope of locating May or determining the reason behind her disappearance.

Today, the Chula Vista Police Department is announcing the formal partnership of a multi-agency working group including the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service with the primary goal of bringing May home to her family or bringing justice to May's family regarding her disappearance.

Officers from the Chula Vista Police Department responded to May's residence on 01/10/2021 upon being notified of her disappearance and conducted a search of the home and vehicles. Crimes of Violence Unit Detectives returned to May's residence the next day, 01/11/2021 for additional interviews and searched the home and vehicles a second time. Since 01/11/2021, Detectives from CVPD have continuously investigated May's disappearance. They have conducted searches, conducted interviews, obtained search warrants and analyzed video and digital evidence.

They have also followed up on every tip or lead received since May's disappearance. The investigative steps and efforts to date are below;

- Interviews with 55 individuals to include family members, friends, neighbors and witnesses.
- Written 16 search warrants to include residences, vehicles, cellular and electronic devices, call detail
 records, financial records, social media and cloud data. One of these warrants was for May's home,
 which was searched on 01/23/2021. Another warrant was for a Millete's relative home, which was
 searched on 04/01/2021.
- Reviewed over 40 tips on May's possible location and reason for disappearance. These tips have come
 from the local community and from around the country. These tips have also included investigators
 working with law enforcement agencies from other states.

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Detectives continue to review multiple items of evidence and are going over thousands of pages of data in the hopes of finding May.

The Chula Vista Police Department is also aware of several bangs recorded on a video security system near the Millete residence during the night of May's believed disappearance. These bangs are being reviewed and analyzed by investigators in the hope of determining if they were gunshots. It is also important to note the Chula Vista Police Department did not receive any report of gunshots during the night in question and these bangs were discovered by investigators early on in the investigation.

The Chula Vista Police Department would also like to recognize the volunteer search efforts and the support from numerous community members assisting to locate May. Volunteers looking for May recently searched the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park area in the hope of finding clues related to her disappearance.

The Chula Vista Police Department with the help of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service will continue to actively and continuously investigate May's disappearance.

The Chula Vista Police Department will continue to be the primary point of contact for media inquiries and also continue to provide updates every two weeks until significant information or a break in the case occurs in the investigation. These updates will include any changes in the investigative numbers listed above. If there is any significant break in this case, a media advisory will be forwarded through normal communications and a press conference will be scheduled allowing ample time for the media to respond.

Anyone who may have any information regarding May's disappearance is asked to please contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477, or CVPD at 619-691-5151. No matter how small the detail, we ask the public to share that information with investigators or Crime Stoppers.

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