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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: Death Investigation Update - Seven Mile Casino (285 Bay Boulevard)

Message: (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

On Monday, January 17, 2022, at 8:48 PM, officers responded to a radio call of a physical altercation between security staff and a patron taking place in front of the Seven Mile Casino located at 285 Bay Boulevard in Chula Vista. While officers were responding to the casino, the patron fighting with security lost consciousness and then stopped breathing.

When officers arrived at the casino, paramedics were already on scene and had initiated life saving measures on a male patron. The identity of the patron was not released pending notification to his family. The patron was transported to a local area hospital and despite resuscitation efforts, he was later pronounced deceased. Family notification has since taken place and the patron has been identified as Jorge Flores (46-years-old).

The investigation is still on-going but has been able to determine on Monday, January 17th, 2022, Flores walked into the casino and was recognized by security from a previous incident that took place on Saturday, January 15th, 2022. During that incident, Flores assaulted security, was advised he was no longer welcomed at the casino, and if he returned, he would be arrested for trespassing.

Security observed Flores in the casino, and he was asked to leave. Flores returned a short time later, assaulting security while trying to get back into the casino. Security then attempted to detain Flores and they fell to the ground. Flores continued to struggle with security and then lost consciousness. Paramedics arrived on scene to provide aid.

The Chula Vista Police Department's Crimes of Violence Unit continues to investigate the incident and is working to determine all of the circumstances of the case. No arrests have been made but the security staff involved in the incident has been identified and is cooperating with the investigation.

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The Chula Vista Police Department is currently trying to locate any additional witnesses that may have observed the incident. Anyone who may have any information regarding this incident is asked to please contact the Chula Vista Police Department at 619-691-5151 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

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.