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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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To: San Diego Media
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Subject: **HOMICIDE – SUSPICIOUS MISSING PERSON INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR MURDER.**

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Tuesday, April 18th, 2023, the Chula Vista Police Department was contacted by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department regarding a suspicious missing persons investigation. Jesse Valdez (Age 40) of Imperial Beach, Ca. was reported missing to the Sheriff's Department by his family on April 7th after he had not returned home or contacted his family for several days. During their investigation the Sheriff's Department learned foul play might have been involved in Valdez's disappearance and that he had possibly been murdered at a Chula Vista hotel. They contacted the Chula Vista Police Department who immediately assigned detectives.

Based on information and evidence gathered during the initial stages of the Chula Vista Police investigation, authorities learned Valdez was murdered at the Red Roof Inn Hotel located at 394 Broadway in Chula Vista and the suspects removed his body from the hotel. The suspect, who was known to the victim, has been identified as 34-year-old Jorge Rodriguez of Chula Vista. Rodriguez was in custody at the San Diego County Jail for an unrelated charge when he was identified as the suspect in the murder investigation. On the evening of April 20th, he was rebooked on the charge of murder. A second suspect identified as 36-year-old Ally Mistone, has also been arrested.

On April 22nd a body was discovered in a rural area of Jamul. Today, the Medical Examiners Officers identified the body found as homicide victim Valdez. His family has been notified. Investigators are still actively seeking witnesses and gathering evidence in this case. Anyone with information is asked to contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or submit a tip via P3tips (online or mobile application) <http://p3tips.com/409> if they wish to remain anonymous. They can utilize this method to alert detectives if they have video or any kind of evidence to provide.

**Weekend and after-hour inquiries should be directed to the Watch Commander at (619)476-5374, however no other information is available for release at the time of this media advisory distribution.*

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