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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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To: San Diego Media
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Subject: **HOMICIDE – VICTIM SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING ASSAULT
*SUSPECT IDENTIFICATION***

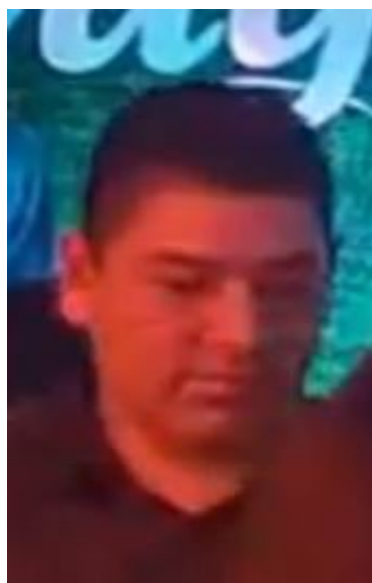
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On Friday, April 21st, 2023, the Chula Vista Police Department was notified by staff at Scripps Mercy hospital that a patient that had been receiving medical treatment had passed away. The patient/victim was identified as 59-year-old Jose Perez Fong of San Diego. Perez Fong had been in the Intensive Care Unit being treated for injuries he received during an assault which occurred on April 15th, 2023 at Papagayos Grill and Cantina located at 2220 Otay Lakes Road in Chula Vista.

Based on information and evidence gathered during the initial stages of the investigation, authorities learned Perez Fong was assaulted while inside on the crowded dance floor for unknown reasons. The suspect has not yet been identified.

*****UPDATE May 5, 2023*****

The Chula Vista Police Department has identified Bernabe Bahena Rivera (38) as the suspect responsible for the death of Jose Perez Fong. Rivera is wanted by the Chula Vista Police Department. Rivera has ties to Chula Vista, San Diego, and Mexico.



Anyone with information about the location of Rivera or about this incident 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 also utilize this method to notify detectives if they have video or other evidence that may assist in the investigation.

**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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