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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
To: San Diego Media  
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Subject: **STABBING AT PALOMAR TROLLEY (1265 INDUSTRIAL BLVD.) – PERSON WANTED FOR QUESTIONING IN AN ATTEMPTED MURDER – OCCURRED 3/2/2024**

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Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A person is wanted for questioning in the stabbing of a man who was sleeping at the Palomar Trolley Station.

On Friday, March 2nd, at approximately 2:20 A.M., Chula Vista Police Department officers were proactively conducting extra patrol of the Palomar Trolley Station located at 1265 Industrial Boulevard in Chula Vista. While driving through the lot, they found a 36-year-old man on the ground covered in blood. The man had been stabbed numerous times but was conscious and able to speak with officers. Officers immediately rendered aid and called for medics, who transported him to a hospital where he's undergoing treatment for what are currently considered non-life-threatening injuries.

Based on the initial investigation, it appears the victim, who is unhoused, was sleeping on the premises when he was attacked. All indications so far are that the attack was unprovoked. With the assistance of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), authorities have identified a person of interest and are seeking the public's help in locating the man. He's identified as 34-year-old Tulio Gasca of Imperial Beach and is believed to be the person in the attached photos which were captured from security footage at the Palomar Trolley Station. He's described as 5'9" and approximately 200 lbs.

Although the investigation is still in its preliminary stages, Gasca should be treated as armed and dangerous. Anyone with knowledge of his whereabouts should contact the Chula Vista Police Department immediately or call 9-1-1 if appropriate.

In addition to this person of interest, investigators believe there was at least one witness to this incident and are asking for this person or any other witnesses to contact the Chula Vista Police Department immediately at (619)691-5151. Other tips can be directed to San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888)

580-8477 or P3tips (online or mobile application) <http://p3tips.com/409> if a person wishes to remain anonymous.

**\*\*\*UPDATE**

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at approximately 3:42 PM, the Chula Vista Police Department dispatch center received a 911 call for service from a victim who watched his vehicle being stolen in 500 block of Moss Street in Chula Vista. The victim was able to follow his vehicle and call police. Chula Vista Police Department patrol officers located and stopped the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Tulio Gasca. Gasca was immediately recognized and placed under arrest for vehicle theft.

Investigators responded to the scene and later arrested Gasca for the stabbing at the Palomar Trolley earlier this morning. He was booked in the San Diego County Jail for attempted murder and vehicle theft related charges.

Investigators continue to work on the investigation and anyone with information is encouraged to contact the San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or P3tips (online or mobile application) <http://p3tips.com/409> if a person wishes to remain anonymous.



*\*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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