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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: March 2nd, 2024
To: San Diego Media
From: Chula Vista Police Department
Contact: Sergeant Anthony Molina
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Subject: **STABBING AT PALOMAR TROLLEY (1265 INDUSTRIAL BLVD.) – PERSON WANTED FOR QUESTIONING IN AN ATTEMPTED MURDER – OCCURRED 3/2/2024**

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 considered 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.



****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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