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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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Subject: **HOMICIDE – 200 BLOCK OF CENTER ST. – OCCURRED 4/6/2024**

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Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **A suspect located and arrested after shooting and killing a man in Chula Vista –**

Just after 11 p.m. on Saturday night, the Chula Vista Police Department responded to multiple calls of shots fired in the 200 Block of Center Street in Chula Vista. One of the callers reported a man had been shot. Officers responded immediately and were flagged down by witnesses next to a parked vehicle on Center Street, near Third Avenue. Officers found a 36-year-old man from San Diego in the truck with multiple gunshot wounds to his upper body. They took over life saving measures until medics arrived and transported the man to a hospital. Despite lifesaving efforts, the man was later pronounced deceased.

Based on initial witness statements, officers learned the suspects fled the scene in an older, white pickup truck with distinct markings. Shortly after midnight, an officer on patrol spotted a matching vehicle driving westbound on H Street in Chula Vista. Officers stopped the vehicle and detained its two occupants who matched descriptions given by the witnesses.

One of the occupants, who was in possession of a firearm, was identified as 32-year-old Christian Benavides of San Diego. Based on the initial investigation he was placed under arrest and booked into San Diego County Jail on charges including murder.

This is still an active investigation, with detectives continuing to gather evidence and speak with witnesses to determine the circumstances that led to the shooting. Anyone with information is urged to contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or submit tips anonymously online or through the P3tips mobile application.

*\*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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