

## CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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Subject: HOMICIDE – 1441 SANTA LUCIA RD. – OCCURRED 7/19/2024

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A 49-year-old man is dead after being stabbed in his apartment. Chula Vista Police are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect.

Just after 8 p.m. Friday night (7/19/2024), the Chula Vista Police Department responded to calls of a possible stabbing at the Terra Vista apartments in Otay Ranch (Chula Vista). Upon arrival, officers found an unresponsive man with multiple stab wounds in his apartment located within 1441 Santa Lucia Road. Officers began life-saving measures until medics arrived and took over. Despite their efforts, the man was pronounced dead at the scene. Although his identity is being withheld at this time, he was a 49-year-old Hispanic man believed to be living in the apartment where the incident occurred.

Authorities who spoke with witnesses say that preliminary information suggests the suspect broke into the apartment wearing a mask, stabbed the victim, and then fled the scene. Although descriptions vary, the suspect is believed to be an unknown aged male wearing a dark hoodie and dark shorts. It's possible he fled on a motorized scooter with blue wheels, but investigators are still working to verify this as well as additional suspect information.

Based on the investigation so far, there does not appear to be a continued threat to the public related to this stabbing. However, police are seeking the public's help in identifying the suspect and gathering information on what led to the fatal stabbing. 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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