San Diego County Sheriff's Department
Homicide Unit
Media Information

SUBJECT: **Homicide Investigation**

LOCATION: **400 Felicita Avenue, Spring Valley**

DATE/TIME: **September 4, 2020 / 9:00 p.m.**

DECEASED: **Manuel Arrechea Chavira, 45-years-old**

SUSPECT: **Alex Anthony Martinez, 31-years-old**

On March 13, 2020, at about 6:20 p.m., San Miguel Fire Department responded to a medical aid at 400 Felicita Avenue in Spring Valley for a male who allegedly fell and struck his head. The male was transported to a local hospital for treatment. The male was in critical condition and not likely to survive his injuries.

Sheriff's deputies assigned to the Rancho San Diego Station responded and followed up on the circumstances of the injury. Deputies learned the male was possibly involved in a fight. The Sheriff's Homicide Unit responded and assumed responsibility of the investigation.

On March 14, 2020, at 6:24 p.m., the male was pronounced deceased. The Medical Examiner's Office conducted the autopsy and identified the victim as Manuel Arrechea Chavira, a forty-five-year-old resident of Spring Valley. The victim's family was notified of his death. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of Chavira's death was blunt force injury of the head and his manner of death as homicide.

Sheriff's Homicide detectives continued their investigation and identified Alex Anthony Martinez, a thirty-one-year-old resident of Spring Valley, as the suspect in the murder of Chavira.

Martinez was already in custody at the San Diego Central Jail for unrelated charges. Today, Martinez was rebooked for one count of 187(a) PC – Murder and one count of 186.22(b)(1) PC – Gang Enhancement.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (858) 285-6330/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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