

San Diego County Sheriff's Department Homicide Unit Media Information

SUBJECT: Arrest Made in Lemon Grove Homicide

LOCATION: 7600 block of Lemon Avenue, Lemon Grove

DATE/TIME: June 21, 2018 / 9:00 p.m.

VICTIM: Juan Martinez (age 47)

SUSPECT: Gustavo Flores (age 38)

Just before 9:00 p.m. on June 21st, Lemon Grove Sheriff's deputies responded to a 9-1-1 call after local residents reported hearing loud banging on their front door in the 7600 block of Lemon Avenue, in the City of Lemon Grove. When deputies arrived they found a man unresponsive and lying on the ground outside the residence. He was seriously injured and had visible injuries to his upper body. Fire department personnel responded and attempted to revive the man but he was pronounced deceased at about 9:19 p.m.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office completed an autopsy and determined the victim's cause and manner of death. The results of the autopsy have been sealed pursuant to a court order. The victim was identified as forty-seven-year-old Juan Martinez of Lemon Grove.

On June 28th, Detectives from the Sheriff's Homicide Unit made an arrest in this case. Thirty-eight-year-old Gustavo Flores of Lemon Grove has been arrested for murder and is currently being held without bail at the San Diego Central Jail. Flores turned himself in to Lemon Grove deputies.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Unit at (858) 974-2321 / after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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