

San Diego County Sheriff's Department Homicide Unit Media Information

SUBJECT: Arrest in Vista Homicide Case

LOCATION: 128 Hill Drive, Vista

DATE/TIME: June 24, 2018 / 3:52 a.m.

VICTIM: Withheld, pending identification and family notifications

SUSPECT: Sergio Orozco (age 26), of Vista

The following information is fragmentary and has not been completely verified. It is based, in part, on hearsay and is intended for early information use rather than being a formal investigative report.

This morning, just before 4:00 a.m., Vista Sheriff's deputies responded to a 9-1-1 call after local residents reported seeing a "man down" inside an apartment at 128 Hill Drive, in the City of Vista. When deputies arrived they found a man unresponsive and lying on the ground inside 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 4:14 a.m. At essentially the same time, deputies also responded to a vehicle collision nearby on Grapevine Road, near Jonathon Street. The driver of the vehicle struck two parked cars and a fence there before his vehicle became disabled. When deputies attempted to contact the driver, he fled on foot, with deputies in foot pursuit. The driver was ultimately captured and detained by deputies and identified as twenty-six-year-old Sergio Orozco of Vista.

The Sheriff's Homicide Unit was called to the scene and took over responsibility for the investigation. Orozco has been arrested for murder and is currently being held at the Vista Detention Facility without bail.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy in order to determine the victim's cause and manner of death. The victim has not yet been positively identified.

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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