



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Detail

Media Information

SUBJECT: Fourth Arrest Made in Valley Center Homicide

LOCATION: 29200 Block of Cole Grade Road Valley Center, CA

DATE/TIME: February 27, 2017 / 7:13 a.m.

VICTIM: Jose Ortiz, age 29

SUSPECT: Sergio Chaidez Sr., Age 36

On February 27, 2017, Jose Ortiz was found deceased inside his vehicle in the 29200 block of Cole Grade Road in the community of Valley Center from an apparent gunshot wound. Ortiz's death was ruled a homicide by the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office. Detectives with the San Diego Sheriff's Homicide Detail have been investigating the murder over the past several months.

On September 8, 2017, San Marcos Gang Enforcement Team deputies arrested Sergio Chaidez Sr. at his residence in San Marcos for his involvement in the murder. Chaidez Sr. was booked into the San Diego Central Jail on First Degree Murder and other unrelated charges. He is being held without bail.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Homicide Detail at (858) 974-2321/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 and be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

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