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## POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: December 28, 2025 **\*UPDATED January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
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Subject: **HOMICIDE – 600 E Street, Chula Vista** **\*SUSPECT IDENTIFIED**

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Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ***Original press release information:***

On December 28, 2025, at approximately 1:40 a.m., the Chula Vista Police Department Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from a witness located at 656 E Street in Chula Vista. The caller reported a male had been shot. Officers were on scene within a few minutes and discovered the 31-year-old San Diego man victim suffering from gunshot wounds. Officers administered life-saving measures until paramedics arrived and transported the victim to local hospital where the victim remains in critical condition. The identity of the victim is being withheld at this time.

The investigation is ongoing, and investigators have determined the victim was in the parking lot of a local bar with a group of subjects when he was shot. It is unknown at this time why the shooting occurred. Investigators are currently trying to locate witnesses to this incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to please contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477 or submit tips anonymously online or through the P3tips mobile application.

### **\*UPDATE #1 (JAN. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026):**

Although the incident was initially being investigated as an attempt homicide, the victim unfortunately succumbed to his injuries and passed away in the hospital on January 1<sup>st</sup>. He has been identified as 31-year-old Pablo Hernandez, Jr.

Detectives are still actively investigating the homicide and are seeking to speak with individuals believed to have witnessed the incident or the circumstances leading up to the shooting. Anyone with information is asked to contact investigators via San Diego County Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477 or submit tips anonymously online or through the P3tips mobile application.

**\*UPDATE #2 (JAN. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026):**

After interviewing numerous witnesses and reviewing available video evidence, investigators developed suspect information and a potential vehicle license plate. Using the Flock Safety automated license plate reader (ALPR) system, investigators were able to locate the vehicle and confirm the suspect's identity.

47-year-old Roberto Jacinto Diego of Chula Vista is believed to have fled the scene in the suspect vehicle after shooting Pablo Hernandez, Jr., who later died from his injuries. An arrest warrant has been issued for Jacinto Diego, and investigators believe he may have crossed the border into Mexico.

Anyone with information regarding Jacinto Diego's whereabouts or this homicide is urged to contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477, submit a tip online, or use the P3 Tips mobile app. Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to his arrest.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTO AND SECURITY FOOTAGE CAPTURE OF JACINTO DIEGO:**



*\*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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