



Unknown Suspect Wanted for Fatal Hit and Run Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

July 22, 2020

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the National City Police Department's Investigations Unit are asking for the public's help in identifying and locating the driver responsible for a fatal hit and run collision that occurred in National City.

On July 10, 2020, at approximately 12:30 a.m., 28-year-old Victor Ernest Morales was riding his skateboard northbound in the roadway of the 500 block of Palm Avenue. An unknown vehicle struck Morales from behind at a high rate of speed. The driver of the vehicle immediately drove away from the scene, leaving Morales on the roadway. Morales suffered major injuries from the collision and later died. At the time of the incident, Morales was accompanied by his girlfriend and a friend.

***** A photo of the victim can be found on page 2 of this release*****

Suspect's Vehicle Description:

Investigators believe the suspect's vehicle is a silver colored, four door, 1999 to 2002 Toyota Echo. The vehicle likely has damage to the front of the driver's side, including the driver's side headlight and windshield.

*****Footage in the area captured a photo of the suspect's vehicle, which can be found on page 2 of this release. Investigators are asking if any businesses in the area have video of the suspect's vehicle before or after the collision to contact them.*****

*****Investigators are also asking for vehicle repair shops to be on the lookout for the suspect's vehicle, as it will have significant front driver's side damage.*******

Anyone with information on the identity or location of the suspect and or the suspect's vehicle is asked to call the National City Police Department's Investigations Unit at (619) 336-4474 or the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Please visit www.sdcrimestoppers.org for information on how to send a web or mobile app tip. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case.

- Media inquiries about this case can be directed to Detective John Dougherty at (619) 336-4474 or email at jdougherty@nationalcityca.gov .
- Inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or msherring@pd.sandiego.gov or Deputy Marcial Lopez at (619) 531-1547 or email at marcial.lopez@sdsheriff.org .

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Photo of Victim: Victor Ernest Morales



***** Photo of the Suspect's Vehicle*****



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