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To: San Diego Media
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Subject: Homicide on 1300 block of Eastlake Parkway in Chula Vista; Suspect Arrested

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Tuesday, May 19th, at approximately 10:32 p.m., officers from the Chula Vista Police Department responded to 911 calls of a shooting that had just occurred in the Wal-Mart parking lot located in the 1300 block of Eastlake Parkway in Chula Vista. When officers arrived, they located a shooting victim suffering from a single gunshot wound. Officers administered life-saving measures until the victim was transported to Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego. Despite lifesaving efforts, he was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The victim is an 18-year-old male from Chula Vista. His identity is being withheld until proper notification is made to family members.

After the shooting, the suspect called 911 to report the incident and waited for responding officers to contact him nearby. The suspect was identified as 32-year-old Thomas Perez of Chula Vista. The initial investigation revealed Perez and the victim were involved in a mutual fight when Perez produced a holstered firearm from his waistband and shot the victim. Perez was later transported to County Jail and booked on a charge of 187(a) PC – Murder.

The Chula Vista Police Department is actively seeking information related to this incident. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the San Diego Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477.

The incident remains under active investigation. The Chula Vista Police Department appreciates the public's patience, as no further updates are expected today. Additional information will be provided in a subsequent advisory as it becomes available. Media inquiries should be directed to pio@chulavistapdca.gov.

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