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OCEANSIDE POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE

On August 6, 2012 at 10:15 p.m. 26-year-old Juan Rivas succumbed to injuries he sustained during a physical altercation that occurred on August 4, 2012 in the 400 block of North Coast Hwy. Police identified a 25-year-old Hemet resident as the other man involved in the altercation. He was interviewed on the night of the event and released pending further investigation.

On August 4, 2012 at approximately 12:23 a.m., Police were flagged down regarding a fight in the 400 block of North Coast Hwy. The victim, Rivas, was found unconscious lying on the sidewalk at that location. Rivas was transported to Scripps Trauma Center in critical condition. The other involved party returned to the scene and identified himself as the person who was involved in the physical altercation with the injured man. The 25–year-old Hemet resident essentially told police the victim was one of three men who assaulted him, and that he was defending himself when the victim sustained his injuries. He reportedly did not know the men who assaulted him or the motive for the attack. There is no evidence that weapons were involved in this altercation.

Police believe there is a strong likelihood there are more witnesses to the altercation, and are asking anyone with information to call Oceanside Detective T.J. Dunn at (760) 435-4054. Witnesses can remain anonymous.

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