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Victim Identified in Fatal Hillcrest Assault

San Diego – A man was arrested after strangling a man and hitting his head against the ground in front of a Hillcrest gas station.

On March 1, 2025, at about 4:54p.m., witnesses called San Diego Police Communications and reported that a man was strangling another man and hitting his head against the ground in front of a gas station located at 330 Washington Street in Hillcrest. Witnesses provided a description of the suspect and reported that he left the area walking west on Washington Street.

Officers responded to the gas station and found the victim unconscious in front of the business. They rendered aid to the man, and he was transported to a local hospital via medics, but he did not survive his injuries. He is described as a 61-year-old white male. He is now identified as Jerry Puerile.

Officers located a male matching the suspect's description near the intersection of West Washington Street and Albatross Street. The man was arrested without incident. He has been identified as 55-year-old Solomon Guerrero and he has been booked into San Diego County Jail for murder.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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