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**Chief's Statement on the Criminal Proceedings involving the Homicide of
Officer Jonathan De Guzman**

San Diego – The memory of Officer Jonathan “JD” De Guzman weighs heavy in the hearts and minds of the men and women of the San Diego Police Department (Department). We will never forget the years of service he provided and the efforts he made to keep all San Diegans safe. When Officer De Guzman was murdered in July 2016, members of the Department worked tirelessly to identify the person responsible for his death. A thorough investigation was conducted by the Department’s Homicide Unit and Jesse Gomez was identified as the suspect. We would like to thank San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan and her prosecutorial team for presenting the evidence in court at Jesse Gomez’s preliminary hearing this week. The Department appreciates the court’s diligence in listening to testimony, examining the evidence and concluding there was enough evidence to proceed with a trial. The Department fully supports the De Guzman family and the community members of San Diego in seeking justice for Officer De Guzman.

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