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## PASADENA HOMICIDE ARREST

**Pasadena, CA** – On July 22, 2023, at 3:21 AM, 32-year-old Jesse Munoz of Los Angeles was murdered during a robbery at Mile Marker 36.28 on Angeles Crest Highway. Munoz was inside a vehicle with a female companion at a scenic viewpoint when the homicide occurred.

Detectives from the Pasadena Police Department's Robbery / Homicide Unit (RHU) responded to the homicide scene to commence an immediate follow-up investigation. RHU detectives tirelessly followed investigative leads and quickly identified suspects and a suspect vehicle involved in the homicide.

On July 25, 2023, RHU detectives coordinated an operation involving multiple specialized law enforcement units. The operation spanned several hours and occurred at several locations throughout the County of Los Angeles. At 10:15 PM, the arrest aspect of the operation was initiated, and the vehicle involved in the murder was pinned in by law enforcement personnel in the 7600 Block of Woodman Street in Panorama City. Five male adult suspects were taken into custody without incident. Two semi-automatic firearms were recovered from the interior portion of the vehicle.

A female suspect was simultaneously taken into custody in the 900 Block of West 85<sup>th</sup> Street in Los Angeles and a search warrant was executed at multiple locations.

The suspects are members of a Los Angeles criminal street gang. RHU detectives believe the suspects taken into custody are connected to other crimes that have recently occurred in Los Angeles County.

The U.S. Marshal's Pacific Southwest Region Fugitive Apprehension Taskforce, the Pasadena Police Department's Street Crime Unit, members of the Pasadena Police Department's SWAT and K9 teams, LAPD RHD, and LAPD Air Support Division assisted with the arrest / warrant operation.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the Pasadena Police at (626)-744-4241 or report information anonymously by contacting "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477), via your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store, or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

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