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Arrests Made in Recent DHS Murder Cases

Desert Hot Springs, July 6, 2022:

On Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at approximately 2000 hours, Desert Hot Springs Police Officers responded to a call for gunshots in the 66700 block of Ironwood Drive in the City of Desert Hot Springs. Upon arrival of the first patrol officers, a male victim was located suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim, identified as Evan Rivas (28), was pronounced deceased at the scene. DHSPD Detectives assumed the investigation and have been actively working the investigation since that time.

On May 31, 2022, Detectives arrested and booked Jorge Valdez (19) of Desert Hot Springs, in relation to the murder of Evan Rivas. The Riverside County District Attorney's Office has filed charges including PC 187 – Murder, with an added special circumstance of murder in the commission of a robbery. Valdez remains in custody and held without bail.

On Thursday, May 28, 2021, at approximately 12:30 am, Desert Hot Springs Police Officers responded to a call of a shooting in the 12600 block of Cactus Drive in the City of Desert Hot Springs. Upon arrival of the first patrol officers, a male victim was located suffering from a gunshot wound. Officers attempted life saving measures and the victim, identified as Fernando Delgado Cardenas (19), was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Two additional victims that were nearly struck by gunfire were identified as well. DHSPD Detectives assumed the investigation and have been actively working the investigation since that time.

On June 16, 2022, Detectives arrested and booked Casey Gillespie (20) of Desert Hot Springs, in relation to the murder of Fernando Delgado Cardenas. The Riverside County District Attorney's Office has filed charges including PC 187 – Murder, PC 664/187 – Attempted Murder (2 counts),



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as well as an added special circumstance of murder committed by a criminal street gang member. Gillespie remains in custody and held without bail.

On June 28, 2022, DHSPD Detectives, with the assistance of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office Gang Impact Team, arrested and booked Isaac Garcia (18) of Desert Hot Springs, also in relation to this case. The Riverside County District Attorney's Office has filed charges including PC 187 – Murder, PC 664/187 – Attempted Murder (2 counts) and an added special circumstance of murder committed by a criminal street gang member. Garcia remains in custody and held without bail.

For more information, please contact Detective Sergeant Christopher Saucier, at (760) 668-1840 or via email at csaucier@dhspd.com.

If you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at (760) 341-STOP.

