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SHERIFF'S HOMICIDE DETECTIVES ARE ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF A SUSPECT WANTED FOR THE SHOOTING DEATH OF ONE MAN AND THE WOUNDING OF TWO OTHER MEN.

THE SHOOTING OCCURRED ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009, AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 AM NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF GIBSON AVENUE AND ROSECRANS AVENUE, COMPTON. DANIEL HERNANDEZ, A 28-YEAR-OLD SOUTH GATE RESIDENT, WAS STRUCK BY THE GUNFIRE AND DIED AT THE SCENE. THERE WERE TWO ADDITIONAL VICTIMS WHO WERE CRITICALLY WOUNDED BY THE GUNFIRE AND SURVIVED.

HOMICIDE DETECTIVES HAVE ARRESTED PATRICIO MICHEL, MH/21, IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER. A SECOND SUSPECT, THOMAS VELARDE, MH/21, IS STILL BEING SOUGHT FOR THE MURDER.

VELARDE IS HISPANIC, 6' 2" TALL, 215 POUNDS, WITH BLACK HAIR AND BROWN EYES. HE IS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AND SHOULD NOT BE APPROACHED.

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ANYONE WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOUTS SHOULD CONTACT SHERIFF'S HOMICIDE DETECTIVES SERGEANT COOPER AT (323) 890-5562 OR DETECTIVE CHEEK AT (323) 890-5559.

A PHOTOGRAPH OF SUSPECT VELARDE AND A WANTED BULLETIN IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING SHERIFF'S HEADQUARTERS BUREAU AT (323) 526-5541.

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