



12 Year Anniversary of the Unsolved Homicide of Romel Velarde

\$1,000 Reward Offered

January 22, 2019

San Diego County Crime Stoppers continues to work with investigators from the National City Police Department's Homicide Unit and are asking for the public's help in identifying and locating the suspects who murdered 16-year-old Romel Velarde 12 years ago.

On January 19, 2007, at about 6:30 p.m., Romel Velarde was shot and killed in front of his home in the 2300 block of E. Division Street, in National City. Two unidentified males were seen running from the area. A brown colored van or SUV was seen driving away immediately after the shooting.

Victim: 16-Year-Old Romel Velarde



Anyone with information about this murder is asked to call the National City Police Department's Homicide Unit at (619) 336-4472 or the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Visit the Crime Stoppers website at www.sdcrimestoppers.org for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

- Media inquiries about this case can be directed to Lt. Greg Seward at (619) 336-4538 or email at Gseward@nationalcityca.gov.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at msherring@pd.sandiego.gov or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547 or email at adriana.uribe@sdsheriff.org.

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