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SUNNYVALE SEEKS HOMICIDE SUSPECT

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) detectives are asking for assistance from the public in locating a suspect wanted in a 2007 homicide. Michael Eugene Muniz, the wanted suspect, is described as a 24-year-old Hispanic adult male, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds. Muniz has light brown hair and hazel or green eyes. He is described as having a scar near his left eye and tattoos of four dots on a left finger and left elbow, and one dot on his right elbow.

The homicide dates back to April 26, 2007, when Muniz and other alleged gang members confronted 28-year-old Rolando Mendoza. Mendoza, who was not a gang member, was picking up his vehicle in the 400 block of N. Fair Oaks when he was attacked by Muniz and two others. Mendoza suffered a fatal stab wound to his chest. The suspects then fled the scene in a white sedan.

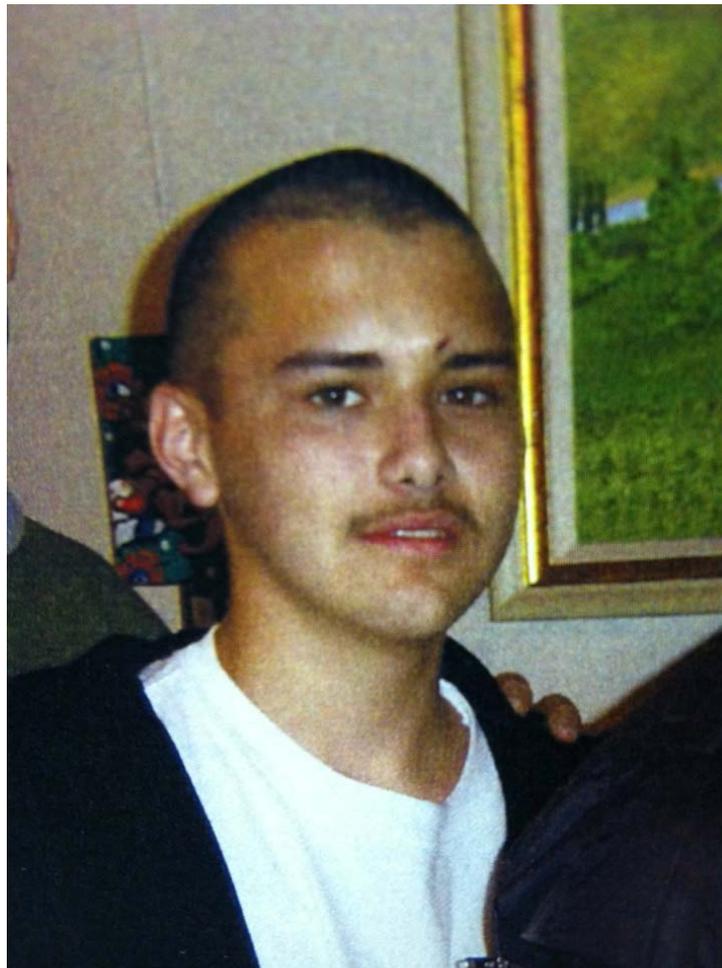
Two of the suspects in the incident, Victor Knox-Martinez and Gabriel Gubatan were subsequently apprehended and have recently been convicted for their involvement in the homicide. Muniz has eluded apprehension; he is known to have family in the Bay Area and Hawaii.

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Anyone with information about the whereabouts of the suspect is urged to contact DPS Detective Jose Ramirez by calling (408) 718-0167, or by email at jramirez@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. Anonymous tips can be emailed to SVTIP@tipnow.org.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: If you are receiving this news release by email, a photo of suspect Michael Eugene Muniz is attached.



Michael Eugene Muniz

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