



# PRESS RELEASE UPDATE

Date: 3-28-22

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Type of Case: Homicide Investigation - Case 2203C-6060

Date/Time Reported: March 24, 2022 / 3:28 p.m.

Location of Occurrence: Shifting Sands Trail X Mission Indian Trail

**VICTIM INFORMATION:**

Name: Juan Gonzalez

Age: 48-Year-Old Male

City of Residence: Unknown

**Synopsis of Incident**

On March 24, 2022, at about 3:28 p.m. CCPD received multiple calls regarding a shooting that occurred near the intersection of Shifting Sands Trail & Mission Indian Trail in Cathedral City. One reporting party told dispatch one male subject was struck by gunfire.

Upon arrival, officers located Juan Gonzalez (48 YO), unknown city of residence, lying in the front yard of residence injured from gunfire. Cathedral City Fire Department Paramedics arrived on scene a short time later and began rendering medical aid. Due to the injuries suffered, Gonzalez succumbed to his injuries on scene.

Cathedral City Police Detectives were called to the scene and began their investigation. After conducting a preliminary investigation, a suspect vehicle was identified and later located in the 35700 block of Date Palm Drive. A person of interest was detained for questioning.

**INVESTIGATION UPDATE**

On March 24, 2022, at approximately 1644 hours, Daniel Morales Jr. 29 YO, resident of Cathedral City, was arrested in connection with the murder of Juan Gonzalez. Morales was arraigned on Monday, March 28, 2022, on charges of PC 187(A) (Murder), PC 186.22 (Street gang-violent felony), PC 190.2(A)(21) (Discharge firearm from vehicle), PC 12022.53 (E) (Association w/criminal street gang), PC 12022.53(D) (Discharge firearm causing great bodily injury). He is currently being held on \$2,000,000 bail at the Riverside County Southwest Detention Center.



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The Cathedral City Police Department is asking for assistance from the community. As a result of this investigation, Cathedral City Police Detectives were able to obtain a photograph of an outstanding suspect involved in this incident. The gold vehicle has since been recovered and is no longer outstanding. If you know the identity of the male in this photograph or you have information related to this incident, please contact Cathedral City Police Detective Brothers at 760-770-0330 [tbrothers@cathedralcity.gov](mailto:tbrothers@cathedralcity.gov) or Investigations Commander Sanchez at 760-202-2488, [rsanchez@cathedralcity.gov](mailto:rsanchez@cathedralcity.gov) or via the Cathedral City Police Department Website at: [cathedralcitypolice.com](http://cathedralcitypolice.com). You may also report your information anonymously through the WeTip hotline at: 1-(800)-78-CRIME or [WWW.WETIP.com](http://WWW.WETIP.com). Some tip information may qualify for a cash reward.



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