

Two US sailors charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault in Tijuana

By Mariana Martínez

Two women making a frantic call to the police in the middle of the night; a hotel; a confrontation. Two men arrested with two bloody knives. Fresh blood stains all over the wall, and after it all ends, just an overwhelming smell of fear lurking in the air.

That is the scene where to US sailors were arrested on February 4th.

According to the police report, the men were arrested in the 732 hotel in the red light district, after they attacked two women and a hotel employee with knives.

The women, —sisters and sex workers—, said both men came in asking for service, and when one of them went into a room with one of the sisters, he became enraged and attacked her with a knife.

The woman, identified only as Belen is a mother of 5 kids, who received a series of stab wounds in her chest. A 62 year-old hotel employee tried to stop the attack but was stabbed in the back.

Both were hospitalized and expected to recover.

"The boys looked totally normal; young, clean, not drugged or drunk," said Belen's sister, who was not hurt during the attack.

The men are active duty sailors, Joshua Dockery and Jarrett Monzingo, 27 and 22 years-old respectively.

They were initially detained at the police station on Eight street and moved to the Tijuana Penitentiary on Saturday, after being formally charged in court with attempted murder and aggravated assault.

But now, the state prosecutors' office has just linked them to another case and has charged them with murder in the first degree.

According to the formal complaint, Dockery and Monzingo are now accused in the death of Mayte Victoria Delgado, a 19 year old prostitute found asphyxiated to death in a hotel room.

The investigators claim both men had been to Tijuana before, many times in fact, to visit the red light district, called "La Coahuila" where prostitution is open and tolerated.

They visited on January 17th and went to Lafayette Hotel, a known prostitution joint in Revolution street, between third and fourth street, downtown.

There, Dockery and Monzingo, entered the hotel and asked for service. Dockery went into room number 5 with Delgado. The woman was later found dead; her body hid-

den under the bed.

The cause of death has been established by strangulation.

Witnesses claim Dockery did it.

Lafayette hotel workers claim the hotel's security camera service has the image of Dockery on the date of the murder, and that he was even wearing the same black shirt on January 17th and the day of his arrest.

Navy officials said in a statement they are well aware of the problems these sailors face, they are in contact with the US consulate and have hired legal counsel for them.

They will be monitoring their conditions and helping them while they remain in the Mexican prison.

Since 2003, there is an explicit prohibition for service men and women to cross the border into Mexico, specially to visit border towns like Tijuana. The order states such visits can only be done after getting written authorization.

If granted, they have to clearly state the places they plan to visit, as well as the length of the trip.

This prohibition has been criticized by Jorge Ramos, the Tijuana mayor as well as businessmen, who see it as a disincentive for Americans to visit Mexico.

San Ysidro High Stands Out in National Ranking

Latino Students Outperforming Peers in Spanish Literature

Latino student success at San Ysidro High is in the national spotlight.

San Ysidro High was applauded by the College Board for having the largest number of Latino students earning top scores on the Advance Placement (AP) exam in Spanish literature.

According to standards set by the New York based College Board, an "AP Spanish Literature course is comparable to a third-year college introduction to Hispanic literature course."

San Ysidro Principal Hector Espinoza credited teacher, Johanna Vielema, for successfully guiding her students through mastery of the ad-

vanced coursework. The rigorous curriculum is based on a required reading list created by the College Board to represent various historical periods, literary movements and genres within the Spanish-speaking world.

"We are enormously proud that San Ysidro High leads the nation in achievement on this AP exam," said School Board President Jim Cartmill. "What is especially gratifying is that success on AP exams are a proven indicator of a student's ability to succeed in college."

Sweetwater Superintendent Dr. Jesus M. Gandara said, "At a time when approximately half of all college freshmen need to take at least one remedial

course, San Ysidro's accomplishment on this AP exam is exemplary. It also demonstrates how hard our staff and students are working to close the achievement gap."

The recently released report from the College Board notes that across the nation, Latino students are underrepresented in AP classes and make up less than 15% of the public school students taking AP exams in any subject.

Sweetwater schools have made it a priority to make more AP classes available to all students and to provide the targeted academic support students need to succeed in those Advance Placement classes.

Get Thousands of Dollars For Your Child's College Education

A free workshop on getting thousands of dollars for your child's college education will be hosted at the following locations and at the following dates and times:

- Carlsbad City Library, in La Costa, Tuesday, February 17th, 7:15pm to 8:45pm.

- San Marcos Community Center in San Marcos, Thursday, February 26th, 7:15 to 8:45pm.

The speaker will be Ron Caruthers, noted author and college expert. He will be discussing such topics as how to

send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to triple your eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of.

Additional topics to be included:

- How to pay for college with no money out of your pocket;

- How to send your child to a fancy private school for less than the cost of a local JC;

- How to pick the colleges that will give you the most amount of money;

- The one mistake every par-

ent makes when applying for scholarships;

- 7 sure fire strategies to be able to afford the school of your dreams;

- What to do right now if your child is in high school;

- Shocking insider secrets that your guidance counselor doesn't know;

Admission is free but seating is limited by the size of the room, so please call 760-599-8175 to reserve your seats now or reserve on-line at www.CollegePlanningInc.com.

Dos jóvenes de la estación naval de San Diego acusados de los delitos de intento de homicidio y lesiones calificadas

Por Mariana Martínez

Un hotel de paso. Dos mujeres llamando frenéticas a la policía. Un forcejeo, dos hombres arrestados y dos cuchillos ensangrentados. Sangre fresca en las paredes y mucho temor.

Esa fue la escena tras el arresto de dos hombres estadounidenses en un hotel en la zona de tolerancia en Tijuana, el pasado 4 de febrero.

Según el reporte, los hombres fueron arrestados por policías municipales en el hotel 732 en la zona centro de Tijuana, luego de que intentaran atacar a dos mujeres y al encargado del hotel.

A decir de las mujeres —hermanas dedicadas a la prostitución—, ambos hombres llegaron al lugar pidiendo sus servicios; cuando ya estaban en la habitación, uno de ellos se enfureció y comenzó a amenazarla con un cuchillo.

Una de las hermanas, identificada como Belén, madre de 5 hijos, recibió puñaladas en el pecho, mientras que el empleado del lugar, —de 62 años de edad—, sufrió puñaladas en la espalda al tratar de defender a las mujeres. Ambos heridos fueron hospitalizados pero se están recuperando.

"Los muchachos se veían normales, limpios, no venían tomados ni drogados", dijo la hermana de Belén, quien salió ilesa.

Los detenidos son los marinos estadounidense, Joshua Dockery y Jarrett Monzingo de 27 y 22 años de edad, quienes fueron detenidos bajo

cargos de intento de asesinato.

Los jóvenes fueron alojados inicialmente en las celdas ubicadas en la calle octava, pero fueron trasladados a la penitenciaría de Tijuana, ubicada en la Mesa, el sábado pasado.

Ambos recibieron auto de formal prisión por parte del Juzgado Tercero de lo Penal por los delitos de homicidio en grado de tentativa y lesiones calificadas.

Pero ahora, la Procuraduría General de Justicia del Estado (PGJE) acaba de anunciar que estos hombres son acusados formalmente por el asesinato de una mujer, ocurrido el pasado 17 de enero, en la misma zona de tolerancia.

La zona donde ocurrió el incidente del 4 de febrero y el asesinato del que ahora se les acusa, es conocida como "la Coahuila", una zona ubicada en el primer cuadro de la zona centro de Tijuana, donde se ejerce abiertamente la prostitución.

Según la acusación formal de estos nuevos cargos de asesinato, Mayte Victoria Delgado Flores, de 19 años de edad, era una trabajadora sexual empleada en el hotel Lafayette, ubicado en avenida Revolución entre las calles Tercera y Cuarta de la zona Centro.

El 17 de enero, Dockery y Monzingo entraron al hotel solicitando sus servicios, pero luego de retirarse con Dockery a la habitación número 5 del hotel, Delgado fue encontrada sin vida.

Su cuerpo estaba oculto bajo

la cama.

Según las investigaciones forenses, Delgado murió por asfixia, a decir de testigos, a manos de Dockery.

Empleados del Lafayette aseguran que las cámaras de video del lugar ponen a Dockery en el lugar del asesinato y que incluso este estaba usando la misma camiseta el día del asesinato de Delgado y el día de su arresto.

Por su parte un comunicado emitido por la oficina de relaciones públicas de la estación naval de San Diego, —donde estaban asignados ambos jóvenes—, dice que las autoridades ya tienen conocimiento del caso, ya se han contratados abogados mexicanos para representar a los acusados y se les está proveyendo con los artículos necesarios para su subsistencia en la penitenciaría de La Mesa.

Desde el 2003, existe una prohibición expresa para cualquier elemento de las fuerzas armadas de los Estados Unidos, para viajar a Tijuana sin autorización expresa de sus superiores.

Se establece además dejar claramente dicho a dónde van y por cuánto tiempo estarán fuera de Estados Unidos.

Esta mediada ha sido muchas veces criticada por el actual alcalde Jorge Ramos, así como por impulsores del comercio y la atracción turística, quienes aseguran que la violencia, no esta dirigida a los turistas, por lo que no hay razón para que estos dejen de visitar la ciudad.

Robles to be in Hall of Fame

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that he is still remembered speaks volumes about our community."

The Community Youth Athletic Association that Robles founded was one of the few first youth programs that opened in inner-city communities in San Diego, Baréño said. "He was the only guy who could rally everybody together because they knew that he was serious about working with young kids," he said.

In addition to honoring Robles and his legacy, The Salute to the Champions dinner includes inducting the Breitbard Hall of Fame Class of 2009 and honoring San Diego's professional and amateur Stars of the Year as well as the pro, amateur and high school Stars of the Month. The Hall of Fame class is NFL legend and San Diego State running back Marshall Faulk, Chicago White Sox baseball player and San Diego High alum Floyd Robinson, NFL cornerback and Point Loma High alum Eric Allen and off-road racing icon Ivan Stewart.

Baréño said that this award

is another way in which Junior Robles' legacy will remain alive and will continue to inspire new generations of young Chicanos to lead better lives.

"It's really critical to me that young people learn about Junior and his message: That you have to persevere, that you have to work really hard, and that us, as a community, have to solve our own problems," he said.

Tickets for the event are \$250. For more information, call the Events Department at 619-699-2313 or visit the San Diego Hall of Champions website at www.sdhoc.com

San Diego Alumnae Panhellenic Offers Scholarships

Five scholarships available for San Diego County high school women

San Diego Alumnae Panhellenic, an organization composed of alumnae from various sororities, is pleased to announce that it is offering five \$800 merit scholarships. Applicants need to be graduating San Diego County high school women who in the 2009-2010 school year will attend a four-year university or college that maintains National Panhellenic Council groups on campus. All applications must be received by Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

To obtain an application or for more information, go to www.sdaph.org or contact Dusty Reisch, scholarship and fraternity outreach chair at [kreisch@san.rr.com](mailto:kreich@san.rr.com) or (858) 414-3101.

"We are looking for smart, well-rounded women who are active in school and their com-

munity," said Dusty Reisch, scholarship chair, San Diego Alumnae Panhellenic. "Participating in sorority recruitment is not mandatory for our scholarship winners; however since our group is comprised of alumnae from sororities, we are looking for applicants that have a serious interest in becoming a member of the Panhellenic community."

Outstanding applicants will be well-rounded women who demonstrate academic excellence as well as community and school involvement. Requirements for the application are a completed application, a letter of recommendation from a counselor or teacher and an official copy of applicant's high school transcript. Selections will be made at the end of April and interviews will be con-

ducted on May 9, 2009. Winners will be notified by mail starting May 11, 2009 and honored at a San Diego Alumnae Panhellenic luncheon on June 6, 2009.

San Diego Alumnae Panhellenic (SDAP) was founded in 1928 and is a chapter of the National Panhellenic Conference.

The organization is composed of alumnae from women's Greek letter social fraternities and promotes sorority life to high school and collegiate women through its mission of values, education, leadership, friendship, cooperation and citizenship.

SDAP awards scholarships to high school women at the end of each school year. For more information, please visit www.sdaph.org.

Prevent Cancer through Physical Activity!

By Martha Solorzano

At age 45, María Sanchez felt a lump in her breast; she became worried and went to a local community clinic to seek help. María was told by a nurse that it was only a blood clot and that it would disappear in a few weeks. The following year, María was diagnosed with breast cancer at an advanced stage and her complete breast had to be removed in order to save her life. Unfortunately, at that time Maria did not know that early screening could of had prevented her from getting cancer.

Now, María is a cancer survivor and she is always learning about different ways to prevent cancer from invading her life again. She will share some of her top secrets with you. María reads a great magazine called "¡Buena Vida!", which is aimed at informing Latinos about cancer and how they can prevent it. By reading this magazine she learned that cancer is a disease that causes the growth of abnormal cells that then group into tumors. She

also learned that if Latinos do not screen early to detect these tumors, it can severely affect the way the body works and as a result, lead to death. According to the American Cancer Society, cancer is the second leading cause of death among Latinos. However, one third of cancers are preventable. In addition to screening tests, María and the American Cancer Society recommend that you reduce or if possible eliminate alcohol intake, that you quit smoking, and that you maintain a healthy diet plentiful of fruits and vegetables.

Because there is a link between cancer and physical activity, it is extremely important that you adopt and maintain a physically active lifestyle. To stay physically active like María, experts recommends that you do at least 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity on 5 days or more per week. Examples of moderate physical activity include walking, dancing, and gardening whereas vigorous physical activity is more intense and includes running, aerobics, and

heavy weight lifting.

Now, just like María, you have a great reason to invite all your friends and family to go for a 30 minute walk every day!

Don't let cancer affect your life or the life of your loved ones. Remember, stay active, eat healthy, and get screened frequently! Do it for yourself, for your family, and for all those who love you!

For other information about physical activity programs in South bay San Diego, please contact us at: Familias Sanas y Activas (619) 594-2965. This health tip is brought to you by the San Diego Prevention Research Center.

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