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PRESS RELEASE

Date: June 26, 2018

Incident: Homicide, Child Abuse.

Location: 1100 block of South Althea Avenue, Rialto

Victims: Male juvenile, 5 years-old, (Rialto Resident)

Suspect: Miguel Castaneda Sr, 29 years-old, (Rialto resident (pictured))

Synopsis:

On Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at 2:26 AM, Rialto Police responded to the 1100 Block of South Althea, regarding reports of a child not breathing at the location. Officers contacted the step-mother and found a five year-old juvenile male unconscious and not breathing. Officers were able to start emergency life saving measures on the child until being relieved by the Rialto Fire Department. Rialto Paramedics transported the victim to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC). The child was pronounced deceased at the hospital.



The Rialto Police Detective Unit was notified and responded to the scene. The investigation revealed the child had severe visible injuries from suspected child abuse. Through a detailed investigation, it was determined physical abuse of the child was occurring as recently as this morning. Miguel Castaneda Sr, 12-20-88 was contacted and interviewed. Castaneda Sr was subsequently arrested for Homicide and felony child abuse. Castaneda was later booked into the West Valley Detention Center.

Rialto Police are asking anyone with information concerning this crime to immediately contact Detective Ralph Ballew at (909) 820-8055. or via email at Rballew@rialtopd.com

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