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## Homicide in San Juan Capistrano

**SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (Oct. 8, 2026):** On Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, at approximately 8:10 p.m., deputies responded to the area of Calle Santa Barbara and Los Rios Street in the city of San Juan Capistrano after witnesses reported seeing a subject on the ground, suffering from multiple stab wounds.

When deputies arrived, they located one adult male with multiple stab wounds. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The victim was identified as Valentin Onofre Martinez, 31, of San Juan Capistrano.

Last night, several subjects were detained at the scene. The Sheriff's Homicide and Gang Enforcement Team (GET) continue to investigate.

The Sheriff's Department is asking anyone with information regarding this incident to contact Sheriff's Dispatch at 714-647-7000. Anonymous information may be provided through Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS, or online at [www.ocsheriff.gov/occrimestoppers](http://www.ocsheriff.gov/occrimestoppers).

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