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**Tribe Unveils Memorial Sign for Slain Tribal Member  
Reminds Public of \$100,000 Reward for Information Leading to Conviction**

La Mesa, CA (June 21, 2016) –Joined by District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and La Mesa Chief of Police Walt Vazquez, the Sycuan Tribe unveiled a memorial sign placed on Interstate 8 in honor of Xusha Brown, Jr., a tribal member tragically murdered on May 5, 2013. His murder remains unsolved.

“The Sycuan Tribe and the Brown family lost an incredibly talented and inspiring young man to senseless criminal violence the night of May 5, 2013,” stated Tribal Chairman Cody Martinez. “His memory will be honored through the placement of this memorial sign. In addition, we encourage anyone with information that may help in the investigation to contact the La Mesa Police Department or Crime Stoppers.”

A reward of \$100,000 was established immediately after the murder for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for this murder. Chairman Martinez used today’s unveiling to remind the public that the full reward remains unclaimed. Information can be shared confidentially with either the La Mesa Police Department or Crime Stoppers. This case is still being actively investigated by the La Mesa Police Department, District Attorney’s office, and partners in other law enforcement agencies.

**About Sycuan:**

*Members of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation have resided in and around the foothills of the Dehesa Valley for nearly 12,000 years. Today they are a modern government providing public services to their members, employees and neighbors. The Sycuan Tribal Government operates one of the region's premier Indian gaming and resort facilities, the Sycuan Casino and Resort. The Sycuan Tribe demonstrates its strong commitment to the San Diego region through the support of hundreds of civic and charitable organizations.*

*The Tribe, through the Sycuan Tribal Development Corporation (STDC), also seeks to reinvest back into the San Diego community with a progressive business development effort. To date, STDC has purchased the former Singing Hills Country Club and the historic U.S. Grant Hotel; is an investor in Hotel Solamar near Petco Park; and is owner/developer of the Marina Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in National City. Combined, these enterprises now employ nearly 4,000 San Diegans. For more information on Sycuan visit*

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