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SUSPECT COMMITS APPARENT SUICIDE

On June 16, 2009 at approximately 4:25pm, a suspect later identified as Andrew Blanco shot a man in a vehicle during a robbery in the 2100 block of Vista Way in Oceanside.

Blanco was in the process of conducting a sale of prescription medication to the victim when he pulled out a handgun and decided to rob the man of his money and personal property while seated in the passenger seat of the victim's vehicle.

After shooting the victim, Blanco fled the area in an older black Toyota pick-up truck. Blanco is a Hispanic male, 41 years of age with an address in Carlsbad.

Oceanside Police Detectives have been actively investigating the case since the occurrence. On June 18, 2009 at approximately 3:00pm, police were notified by the victim's girlfriend that the suspect Blanco had apparently committed suicide by drug overdose. Blanco had commented to his girlfriend that he did not want to return to prison.

Blanco was located deceased in a residence in the 3300 block of Harding Street in Carlsbad by local law enforcement authorities.

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