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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN BIRDLAND

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a male outside a Birdland business this afternoon.

At approximately 3:15 p.m., the victim and several companions went to a convenience store in the 7700 block of Starling Drive. While at the store, they encountered the suspect, with whom one of the victims had a previous confrontation. The suspect challenged the victim group and also made a gang reference. When the victim group left the store, the suspect followed them, and a second confrontation ensued. As the victim's companions ran away, the suspect chased the victim behind a nearby gas station and shot him. The suspect ran to a nearby vehicle, got inside, and fled northbound on Health Center Drive.

Street Gang Unit detectives and Eastern Division officers investigated the shooting, and with the assistance of witnesses, identified the shooter as Kevin Marquez, 18. Gang Suppression Team officers located Marquez at a residence in the 2200 block of Dunlop Street and arrested him at 1950 hours.

The victim was transported to a trauma center, but he died at 8:05 p.m. His identification is not being released pending family notification.

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