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San Diego Police Department

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POLICE INVESTIGATE DEATH IN NORMAL HEIGHTS

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a female in a burning vehicle.

On September 22, 2007, at 2:02 p.m., officers and firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the west alley of 4500 Bancroft Street. A female was reportedly trapped in the driver's seat of a burning car and was yelling for help. Officers and firefighters arrived to find a vehicle fully engulfed by flames. Because of the flame and smoke, officers could not see inside the car. Once the fire was quickly extinguished, it was determined that the victim was deceased.

The cause and the origin of the fire are under investigation. An autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

The victim has not been identified.

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