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San Diego Police Department

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POLICE INVESTIGATE SHOOTING THAT LEAVES ONE DEAD, EIGHT INJURED

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting at a Chollas Creek party that resulted in the death of a 15-year-old male and injuries to eight additional victims.

At 12:20 a.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting at a residence in the 3600 block of Knoxie Street. They arrived to find eight victims in the house and in the backyard. A 15-year-old male was pronounced dead at the scene, and seven victims were transported to hospitals for treatment of injuries that are not considered life-threatening. One victim left the scene and arrived at a local hospital with a family member.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that approximately 40 people were gathered at the residence for a birthday party. As groups of people stood in the backyard, the suspect(s) stuck a handgun over the backyard fence and fired multiple rounds into the yard. At this time, there is no description of the suspect(s), and the motive for the crime is not known.

The injured victims range in age from 15-24. The deceased victim has been tentatively identified, but his name is being withheld pending family notification.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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