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POLICE INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN CLAIREMONT MESA EAST

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the death of a male whose body was found this morning inside a car in Clairemont Mesa East.

At 8:23 a.m., officers responded to a report of an abandoned car parked in the 6700 block of Bamburgh Drive. Neighbors had first noticed the car on the evening of March 23, but did not contact police until this morning, when an odor began to emanate from the car. When officers arrived, they forced open one of the car doors, removed a portion of the rear seat, and were able to see the body of a male inside the trunk area. Based on the condition of the body, the death was deemed suspicious, and Homicide Unit detectives were called to the scene.

Investigators from the Medical Examiner's Office removed the body from the trunk. The victim has not been identified as of this time. An autopsy will be conducted on April 5.

Detectives determined that the car, a gold Chrysler Concord, was reported stolen in Chula Vista on March 24. The registered owner of the car was contacted by Chula Vista Police and then interviewed by San Diego Homicide detectives.

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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