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POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE IN EAST VILLAGE

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the death of a male who was struck by an SUV.

On November 8, 2007, at 4:24 a.m., officers responded to a report of an injured male, lying on the ground, near the intersection of 17th and J Streets. They arrived to find a black male who was suffering from severe head trauma. Paramedics responded and immediately began CPR. The victim was transported to a local trauma center where he died at 2:20 p.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim was involved in a physical confrontation with a Hispanic male driving a black SUV. The victim stood on the vehicle's running board and exchanged punches with the driver. When the victim fell off the running board, the driver (suspect) turned his vehicle toward him and accelerated. The suspect ran over the victim as he lay on the street. The suspect stopped, looked back at the victim, and then accelerated rapidly southbound to Interstate 5.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, 18-20 years of age, slender build, thin mustache, wearing a white Padre Baseball cap and a light colored vertically striped polo shirt. The vehicle was described as a 2004/2005 black Toyota 4-Runner with chrome running boards.

The victim, age 46, has been tentatively identified but his name is being withheld pending notification of his family.

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

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