Authorities Looking for the Person(s) Responsible for the Murder of Navy Seal Candidate Ronald Harnish; Reward Increased to $5,500

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers, working with the San Diego Police Department's homicide unit and Ronald Harnish's family, are asking for the public's assistance to help identify and locate the person responsible for the murder of Ronald Harnish. Crime Stoppers and the Harnish family have now increased their combined reward to a total of $5,500.

Detectives said on 12-27-2006, at about 10:00 p.m., officers were flagged down in the 1300 block of Fern Street by two males in a car. One of the males was suffering from a gunshot wound. Paramedics were called and transported him to the hospital. Meanwhile, an officer spotted a third male (later identified as Ronald Harnish) lying in the street two blocks south at 1100 30th Street; Harnish was pronounced dead at the scene. The investigation revealed that the three males were driving in the same car in the 1100 block of 30th Street. They stopped, exited the car, and got into a confrontation with two Hispanic males who were standing on the sidewalk. One of the Hispanic males fired shots at the victims. One victim (Ronald Harnish) was shot and killed at the scene. A second victim was shot, but managed to flee in the car with his unwounded companion; until they spotted the officers on Fern Street.

Harnish, who was in the Navy, had just been accepted into the Navy Seal program on November 16, 2006. Harnish was a decorated High School football player, and was inducted into the Lakewood, CA Hall of Fame for his wrestling achievements. Harnish also wrote poetry and was published in his high school poetry publication.

Anyone with information on the identity and location of the person(s) responsible for this crime is asked to call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-TIPS.** Crime Stoppers is offering up to a $1,000 and the Harnish family is offering up to $4,500 to anyone with information that leads to the arrest of the suspect. Collect calls are accepted and callers may remain anonymous.

Media inquiries should be directed to:

- ***Questions regarding the Homicide should be directed to Lt. Guaderrama at (619) 531-2275.***
- ***Questions regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.***
- ***Questions regarding Harnish's family should be directed to Sally Cox, Executive Director of Crime Stoppers at (619) 275-8240.***

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a $1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed $1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-TIPS.

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