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SECOND VICTIM DIES IN JAMACHA-LOMITA SHOOTING

A second victim has died as a result of a shooting in Jamacha-Lomita early Sunday morning.

On July 7, at 12:07 a.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the 600 block of Sawtelle Avenue. They arrived to find two victims on the sidewalk outside a residence. Paramedics pronounced John Perez, 33, dead at the scene, and they transported a second male to a trauma center. Frank Perez, 35, the brother of John Perez, died this morning at 10:00 a.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that a family had gathered to watch a sporting event, and several members of the family were standing outside the residence when the suspect vehicle passed. The vehicle (described as a white pickup truck with an extended cab) circled the block and passed the residence a second time. The vehicle made a u-turn and stopped in the street outside the residence. The driver of the suspect vehicle yelled out a gang challenge to the victims. A passenger in the truck got out, and gunshots followed. The vehicle fled south on Sawtelle Avenue after the shooting.

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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