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# San Diego Police Department

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## POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN MISSION VALLEY EAST

**San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting this afternoon which left a female dead and a male wounded in Mission Valley East.**

**At 1:56 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting inside a medical office at 3517 Camino Del Rio South. On arrival, they found a female and a male inside the office suffering from gunshot wounds. Paramedics arrived and attempted emergency medical aid, but the female was pronounced dead at 2:18 p.m. The wounded male had been grazed by a bullet, but declined medical treatment at the scene.**

**The preliminary investigation has revealed that the female victim, a receptionist in the medical office, was seated at her desk when a male entered the office and approached her with a bouquet of roses. She asked him if the roses were for her and he then produced a gun and began firing at her. She was hit several times. Her co-worker, a nurse who was in the same room, was hit once. The suspect then walked out of the office.**

**At 3:11 p.m., a male called police communications and said he had just killed his girlfriend on Camino Del Rio South. Officers were dispatched to his location at a residence in the 5100 block of Towle Court and took him into custody without incident.**

**The deceased victim is identified as Dawna Denize Wright, 31, of San Diego. The name of her wounded co-worker has not been released.**

**The suspect is identified as Roger McDowell, 34, of San Diego. He was booked into San Diego County Jail on one count of murder and one count of attempt murder.**

**Detectives determined that Wright and McDowell were known to each other and had what witnesses described as an "on-again off-again" relationship.**

**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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