THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego Police Department

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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN MOUNT HOPE

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a 25-year-old male on a Mount Hope street early this morning.

At approximately 2:15 a.m., the victim was attending a party in the 700 block of 41st Street. Witnesses reported seeing a white Cadillac Escalade, occupied by four Hispanic males, circling the block prior to the shooting. At 2:19 a.m., the Escalade stopped in the street. Several occupants exited and walked to the west sidewalk of 41st Street, where the victim was standing. The suspect(s) shot the victim before fleeing. Two suspects were last seen eastbound on Market Street (on foot), and the other two were last seen westbound on Market Street (in the vehicle).

The victim has been positively identified, but his name is being withheld pending complete family notification. The motive for the crime is not known.

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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