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POLICE INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN OCEAN CREST

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the discovery of a body in a parked vehicle on an Ocean Crest street this afternoon.

At 2:48 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 4900 block of Wheelhouse Drive after several people detected an odor coming from a parked Lincoln Navigator. Officers checked the vehicle and found the body of a deceased person in the back seat.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the truck was first noticed on March 6, 2007. On March 10, 2007, a citizen called police to have the vehicle marked with a 72-hour-violation notice. This afternoon, citizens smelled something unusual near the vehicle and alerted police.

The identity of the deceased is not known, nor is the cause of his death. The vehicle has Baja license plates, and detectives from the department's Mexico Liaison Unit are assisting with the investigation to locate the vehicle's owner.

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