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POLICE INVESTIGATE DEATH IN PACIFIC BEACH

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a 22-year-old male in Pacific Beach this evening.

At 6:15 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a vehicle-pedestrian collision in the 800 block of Agate Street. They arrived to find a male down in the street. In the meantime, a male called police from two blocks away to report he had just hit someone with his vehicle. The injured male was transported to a trauma center, where he died at 6:45 p.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the motorist and his girlfriend were driving slowly on Agate Street, searching for an apartment to rent, when they noticed several people walking towards them in the street. As they got closer, two of the males motioned for them to stop. As the motorist slowed to a near-stop, the males started yelling at him, and one of them kicked the driver's door. The male accelerated to get away from his attackers, but in doing so hit a third male who was standing in front of the vehicle. After running over the male, the motorist stopped, but left the area and called 9-1-1 after the injured male's companions started to chase him.

The deceased male has been identified, but his name is being withheld pending family notification.

The motorist was questioned and released. When the investigation is complete, it will be presented to the District Attorney's Office.

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