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HOMICIDE DETECTIVES INVESTIGATE MURDER IN SHERMAN HEIGHTS AND RELATED OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN COLLEGE WEST.

(San Diego) San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the murder of an 85-year-old male, and the subsequent death of the 58-year-old suspect.

Today at about 6:50 a.m., officers received a radio call directing them to 644 25th Street in Sherman Heights to check the welfare of the male residing at that address. Family members told officers that the resident had recently received death threats from a former son-in-law. When family members were not able to make contact with the resident, they called for police. Officers entered the residence and found Mr. Sergio Munoz (85 yrs) deceased inside the small apartment. The victim had several facial injuries indicating that he had been attacked. The type of weapon(s) used is not known at this time.

The early investigation revealed that the former son-in-law, 58-year-old Miguel Gonzalez was the likely suspect. According to the family, Gonzalez had access to a handgun and should be considered armed and dangerous. Officers responded to Gonzalez' residence at 4512 55th Street in an attempt to locate the murder suspect. They found a Latino male matching the description of Miguel Gonzalez, sitting on the front porch. When the suspect saw uniformed officers, he quickly reached between his legs and turned towards the officers. This movement was immediately followed by the sound of a single gunshot. An officer, fearing for his safety and the safety of others, fired his service weapon at the suspect. The suspect turned towards the doorway of his residence and fell to the floor just inside the doorway. Officers approached the suspect and confirmed that he had been shot. Life saving measures were attempted, however the suspect died at the scene. The deceased male suspect on 55th Street has been identified as Miguel Gonzalez. At this point in the investigation, it is not known whether Gonzalez died as a result of a self inflicted gunshot wound or as the result of the officer involved shooting. An autopsy will be scheduled for tomorrow.

The involved officer, whose name is being withheld, has been on the department for two years.

The homicide investigation is on-going. 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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