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ARRESTS MADE IN 2005 AND 2007 MURDERS

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested two suspects (with a third arrest pending) for the murders of Sacha Newbern and Meico McGhee in 2005 and the murder of Tim Traaen in 2007.

On November 25, 2005, several armed, masked suspects forced their way into a home in the 5200 block of Velma Terrace. The suspects bound five victims and held them for more than seven hours, demanding money they believed was at the residence. At the end of the ordeal, the suspects shot and killed 25-year-old Sacha Newbern and 30-year-old Meico McGhee.

On July 14, 2007, just after midnight, 30-year-old Tim Traaen and his girlfriend were walking to their vehicle after leaving a bar near 30th Street and Adams Avenue, when an armed suspect approached them and demanded their money. The suspect shot Traaen and his girlfriend before fleeing. Traaen died from his injuries, and the girlfriend recovered from her wounds.

Homicide Team III has investigated both cases since they occurred. They identified Michael Mason, 32, as a suspect in both incidents. Mason was the subject of an intense manhunt (including a profile on "America's Most Wanted") before his arrest in Las Vegas, Nevada on November 25, 2007 for parole violation. Mason has been in the Clark County Detention Center since that time.

Detectives identified Tamoyia Morris, 31, as a suspect in the McGhee-Newbern murders and Jessica Jones, 24, as a suspect in Tim Traaen's murder.

On July 9, 2008, at 1115 hours, detectives arrested Morris as he drove in the 4200 block of Eta Street. Morris was booked into County Jail for two counts of murder and three counts of false imprisonment. Today, at 1255 hours, detectives arrested Jones at her home in the 2100 block of Camino De Las Palmas in Lemon Grove. Jones is being processed at the Homicide Office, and she will be booked into Las Colinas Women's Detention Facility for accessory to murder and participation in a criminal street gang.

Detectives are working with the District Attorney's Gang Prosecution Unit to secure Mason's extradition from Nevada to California, where he will face three counts of murder, robbery, and false imprisonment charges related to both incidents.

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