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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN COLLEGE WEST AREA

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a fight in the College West area that left one person dead and three people injured.

This morning, at 2:16 a.m., officers from San Diego Police and San Diego State University Police responded to a report of a large fight at 55th Street and Peterson Gym Drive. They arrived to find four victims who had been stabbed. One victim died at the scene, and the other three were transported to a hospital for wounds (of varying degrees) that are not believed to be life threatening.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victims had just left a nearby party, and were walking on 55th Street, when they became involved in a verbal altercation with a second group of four males (two white males, one black male, one Latino male). The altercation escalated to a physical fight in the middle of 55th Street, during which the victims were stabbed by an unknown member of the suspect group. After the stabbing, the suspect group was last seen southbound on 55th Street.

The deceased victim has been tentatively identified as a 22-year-old male, but his name is being withheld pending family notification. Detectives are working with San Diego State University Police to determine which victims attend the university.

The victims are males who range in age from 20 to 24.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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