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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN FAIRMOUNT VILLAGE

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the stabbing death of a man in the Fairmount Village neighborhood.

On 03-23-08, at 11:37 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a large fight at the intersection of Chamoune Avenue and University Avenue. A second report indicated that there was an injured male lying in the street at 3800 Chamoune Avenue. Responding officers found a 39-year-old victim in the street suffering from stab wounds. Emergency personnel attempted life saving measures, but the victim died at the scene at 11:52 p.m.

The deceased victim has been identified as Jose Herrera-Velasquez. Velasquez is believed to be a San Diego resident.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim and several males were involved in an altercation in front of 3827 Chamoune Avenue. After the altercation, another male fled the scene in his vehicle and was involved in a traffic accident at 3600 Chamoune Avenue. Officers found that he was also suffering from a stab wound. This 23-year-old subject was transported to a local hospital for his non-life threatening injuries. He is believed to be a suspect in the murder of Velasquez. The suspect's identification is pending confirmation.

The investigation is on going, and there may be additional suspects. 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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