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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN JAMACHA/LOMITA

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a male and the injury of a second male in Jamacha/Lomita last night.

At 7:35 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of gunshots heard in the 900 block of Cardiff Street. They arrived to find two victims down in the parking lot of a strip mall. Paramedics transported both victims to a trauma center. Edward Johnston, 18, was pronounced dead at 8:30 p.m. His companion, a 17-year-old male, underwent surgery but will survive his injuries.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victims and a third male were walking southbound through the strip mall when they noticed a Hispanic male, 18-20, bald headed, wearing a hooded sweatshirt, coming towards them. The suspect, armed with a handgun, initially made a robbery demand, then issued a gang challenge before shooting at the victims. The suspect was last seen on foot, eastbound on Wade Street.

The incident is believed to be gang-related.

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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