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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN MOUNTAIN VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a 15-year-old male late Friday evening.

Yesterday at about 9:20 p.m., Southeastern Division patrol officers received a radio call of a violent disturbance occurring in the park near the intersection of 40th Street and Ocean View Boulevard. Upon arrival, the officers checked the park located at 200 S. 40th Street and found a young Hispanic male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Officers and responding paramedics rendered first aid, including CPR, and the victim was quickly transported to a local trauma center for emergency treatment. At 10:22 p.m. he died as a result of the gunshot wounds.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the 15-year-old victim was in the grass area near the center of the park, when he was approached by a group of males. A confrontation occurred between the victim and the other males and one of the subjects removed a handgun and shot the victim. The motivation for the attack is not known at this time. Gang Unit detectives are assisting the Homicide Unit in an effort to determine if the murder is gang related and/or develop investigative leads.

Several witnesses have reported hearing the sound of gunfire. Others report that they saw many males running from the park shortly after the sound of gunfire. At this point, detectives are not able to provide an accurate description of the suspect(s).

The 15-year-old victim has been identified however his name is not being released at this time. Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to telephone the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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