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San Diego Police Department

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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN NESTOR

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a male in the Nestor neighborhood.

At 4:40 p.m., officers responded to the 1900 block of Ilex Avenue on a report of a shooting. They found a male down in the parking lot of an apartment complex. Paramedics arrived and attempted lifesaving measures, but the victim died at the scene at 5:06 p.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim and two companions were walking out of the parking lot of the apartment complex when a white Jeep Cherokee drove past (eastbound on Ilex Avenue). Words were exchanged between the pedestrians and the occupants of the vehicle, prompting the vehicle to stop. At least three males exited the Cherokee and approached the victim group. One of the Cherokee's occupants pulled out a handgun and fired several rounds. The victim group ran back into the apartment complex, where the deceased victim collapsed. The victim's companions fled the scene. The suspect vehicle was last seen westbound on Ilex Avenue.

The Street Gang Unit is assisting the Homicide Unit with the investigation.

The victim, 18, has been tentatively identified, but his name is being withheld pending positive identification. 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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