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# San Diego Police Department

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## POLICE INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN NESTOR NEIGHBORHOOD

**(San Diego)** San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the death of a 44-year-old male, who was found deceased inside of his apartment yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday, at 12:55 p.m., Southern Division patrol officers received a radio call of a man found deceased inside of his apartment located at 1135 Hollister Street. Paramedics and police officers arrived together and found Douglas Murton (44 yrs) unresponsive on his living-room floor. Medical aid was attempted, however Mr. Murton was pronounced dead at the scene at 12:58 hours.

The early investigation has revealed that the victim, who lives alone, may have had extensive medical complications that led to his death. The unexpected death, as well police officers' evaluation of the "scene" including the condition of the interior of him home, caused them to request the assistance of homicide investigators. An autopsy scheduled to be performed today, will determine the extent of Mr. Burton's pre-existing medical condition as well as the cause of his death.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to telephone the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293.

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