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POLICE INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC-RELATED HOMICIDE IN NORTH PARK

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives, with the assistance of Traffic Division investigators, are investigating the death of a male who was ejected from a stolen vehicle.

On January 5, 2007, at 9:10 p.m., the owner of a 1999 Dodge Ram pick-up truck was inside his home, located in the 2100 block of Howard Avenue, when he heard the sound of his truck engine running. He went outside and saw his vehicle being driven away. He jumped in the bed of the truck while his roommate called 9-1-1.

The truck was driven at a high rate of speed westbound on Howard Avenue to southbound on Florida Street. The truck collided with a tree, one car traveling westbound on Polk Avenue and at least eight parked cars before rolling over in the 3900 block of Florida Street. The owner of the truck was ejected from the vehicle. The victim laid on the ground unconscious while the two injured suspects fled the scene. One of the suspects was possibly armed with a handgun.

Bystanders began performing CPR on the victim and were assisted by the first officers to arrive at the scene. They were relieved by Paramedics but the victim died at the scene.

One of the suspects was arrested several minutes after the accident at 3700 Alabama Street. He has been identified as Sean Michael Couch, 21. The second suspect has not been identified. He is described as a Hispanic male, medium height and weight, short hair, unshaven, wearing a grey sweater.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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