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POLICE INVESTIGATE STABBING DEATH IN OLD TOWN

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the stabbing death of a 17-year-old female at the Old Town Trolley Station.

At about 12:50 p.m., police officers received a 911 call reporting a stabbing at the Old Town Trolley stop located at 4009 Taylor Street. Upon their arrival, Western Division patrol officers, assisted by Trolley security officers, located two females who appeared to be suffering from stab wounds. While providing first aid, one of the victims pointed to a male subject who was standing inside of a southbound trolley bus, identifying that person as the suspect. Officers boarded the trolley bus and arrested the 17-year-old male suspect. Both female victims were transported to a local hospital for emergency care. At approximately 1:30 p.m., one of the victims was pronounced dead as a result of the sustained injuries. The decedent is a 17-year-old resident of San Diego. Her name is not being released at this time. The surviving victim, also 17, underwent emergency surgery and is expected to survive her injuries. Her name is being withheld as well.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the two victims are friends. After leaving school, they boarded a city bus in the Linda Vista area of San Diego en route to the Old Town Trolley Station. While on the bus, they got into an argument with the male suspect. The motivation for the argument is not known at this time. All three individuals exited the bus at the trolley stop, at which point the argument became physical. While the three were engaged in a fight, the male removed a knife from his pocket and stabbed the two females. The suspect then fled to the waiting trolley bus where he was quickly taken into custody.

The suspect is a Latino male, 17 years of age. He will be booked into Juvenile Hall for one count of murder and one count of attempt murder.

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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