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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN MORENA NEIGHBORHOOD

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a man on a Morena street last night.

At 12:50 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Morena Boulevard on a report of 12 people fighting in front of a bar. When officers arrived, they found the victim down on the corner of Savannah Street and Morena Boulevard (one block from the bar). The male had suffered an apparent gunshot wound, and he died at the scene at 1:10 a.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim and another male exchanged words in the parking lot of the bar, leading to a fistfight between them. The shooter, not one of the original combatants, pulled out a handgun, chased the victim down the sidewalk, and shot him where he was found. The suspect, described as a Latino male, 20s, 5'7", 160, short brown hair, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and gray sweatpants, was last seen running westbound on Savannah Street.

The victim, 25, has been positively identified, but his name is being withheld pending family notification.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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