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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER AND CARJACKING IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a series of related incidents (an assault with a deadly weapon, a murder, and a carjacking) that ended with a police pursuit, collision, and arrest of the suspect.

On Monday, March 2, at 6:18 p.m., officers were dispatched to a 9-1-1 call in the 4400 block of 'Z' Street. When they arrived, a man told them his 28-year-old son had threatened him with a handgun. The suspect, Terry Sayachak, drove away while in the company of his girlfriend.

At 7:19 p.m., a Southeastern Division patrol sergeant noticed a motorist yelling for help at 45th Street and Logan Avenue. The motorist abandoned his vehicle and told the sergeant he had been carjacked. The carjack suspect, later identified as Sayachak, fled and led officers on a brief pursuit that ended with Sayachak crashing into a parked vehicle in the 800 block of South 46th Street. Sayachak suffered injuries from the crash and was transported to a trauma center for treatment.

Officers conducted a systematic search of the neighborhood for Sayachak's vehicle, and at 10:18 p.m., an officer found it parked in the 500 block of Elizabeth Street. A deceased female, who had suffered an apparent gunshot wound, was found in the front passenger seat. The victim has not been positively identified.

Sayachak will be charged with murder, two counts of kidnapping, one count of carjacking, and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon. The motive for the crimes is not known at this time.

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