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POLICE INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN OCEAN BEACH

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the death of a male whose body was found this morning near the seawall at the foot of 5100 Narragansett Street in Ocean Beach.

At 7:11 a.m., a citizen reported to San Diego Lifeguards that there was a body lying on the rocks near the sea wall. Lifeguards notified San Diego Police. When officers and lifeguards arrived, they found the body of a 45-year old male. Due to the approach of high tide, they lifted the body onto the seawall area, to prevent it from being washed into the sea.

Based on the condition of the body, the death was deemed suspicious, and Homicide Unit detectives were called to the scene. The victim has been identified, but his name is being withheld pending family notification.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim may have been in an altercation with two homeless males near the sea wall last night (Saturday). Detectives need to identify these two males, who are supposedly a father and son, and may be from Ireland.

The first male is described as white, 50-60 years old, 5-5 to 5-7, medium build, with a mustache, and was wearing a red jacket with black sleeves, dark jeans and carrying a backpack.

The second male is described as white, early 20's, 5-7 to 5-8, medium build, with straight blond hair, tribal tattoos on his chest, and was wearing a brown hooded jacket and jeans. He speaks with a heavy Irish accent.

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

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