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POLICE INVESTIGATE SHOOTINGS IN SWAN CANYON

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting that left one man on life support and two others injured in the Swan Canyon area tonight. They are also investigating the possible connection of these shootings to a man who died of gunshot wounds a short time later at a local hospital.

At 2:43 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the east alley of 2600 44th Street. Officers arrived to find a male lying on the ground, suffering from gunshot wounds. The 22-year old victim was transported to a local hospital by paramedics, but was later placed on life support.

The investigation has revealed that the victim and another male had arrived at the location in a car. Two other males in another car met them. Gunfire then erupted between the foursome. As they fired guns at each other, the 22-year old was struck and fell to the ground. His companion drove from the scene and abandoned his car a block away. He was last seen walking westbound on 4300 Maple Street toward Fairmount Avenue. He is described as a Hispanic male, late 20's to early 30's, 6-0, heavy set, with a shaved head and wearing a white t-shirt.

The other two males fled on foot. A short time later, one of them showed up a couple of miles away at Fire Station 17. He was suffering from gunshot wounds and was transported to a local hospital where he was in serious to stable condition. The whereabouts of his companion are unknown. A resident who lives near the scene of the shootings was hit in the crossfire and suffered a non-life threatening wound. He was treated at a local hospital and then released.

At 2:50 p.m., a 25-year old male was brought to Paradise Valley Hospital suffering from gunshot wounds. He was transported to a trauma center, where he died of his injuries. Homicide detectives are investigating the possible connection of this victim to the Swan Canyon shootings.

The deceased victim and the victim on life support have been identified, but their names will be withheld, pending family notification. It has not yet been determined what precipitated the shooting. Detectives and forensic specialists spent several hours processing the scene for evidence and trying to locate witnesses.

Anyone with information about these shootings is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crimestoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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