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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN CHEROKEE POINT

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting which left one man dead tonight in Cherokee Point.

At 6:49 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of gunfire in the 3600 block of 36th Street. On arrival, they found a male lying on the sidewalk, suffering from a gunshot wound. Officers and Fire Department personnel provided medical aid to the victim, but he was pronounced dead at 7:10 p.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that a few minutes before the shooting, the victim had been in a fight with four Hispanic males in front of a residence in the 3600 block of 36th Street. The four males fled northbound on 36th Street, leaving the victim lying on the sidewalk. Then, another Hispanic male drove up in a pickup truck and parked near the victim. He got out of the truck, walked up to the victim and fired a gun at him. He then fled in the truck northbound on 36th Street.

The first four suspects are described only as Hispanic males in their early 20's. The male who shot the suspect is described as a Hispanic male, late 20's, thin build, bald, clean shaven, wearing a white t-shirt and black pants. The truck is described as a dark blue Toyota Tundra, with big rims and wheels, raised frame, and a San Diego Chargers lighting bolt in the rear window.

The deceased victim was 25 years old. He has been 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-TIPS.

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