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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN MISSION VALLEY EAST

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting this afternoon which left a female dead and a male wounded in Mission Valley East.

At 1:56 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting inside a medical office at 3517 Camino Del Rio South. On arrival, they found a female and a male inside the office suffering from gunshot wounds. Paramedics arrived and attempted emergency medical aid, but the female was pronounced dead at 2:18 p.m. The wounded male had been grazed by a bullet, but declined medical treatment at the scene.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the female victim, a receptionist in the medical office, was seated at her desk when a male entered the office and approached her with a bouquet of roses. She asked him if the roses were for her and he then produced a gun and began firing at her. She was hit several times. Her co-worker, a nurse who was in the same room, was hit once. The suspect then walked out of the office.

At 3:11 p.m., a male called police communications and said he had just killed his girlfriend on Camino Del Rio South. Officers were dispatched to his location at a residence in the 5100 block of Towle Court and took him into custody without incident.

The deceased victim is identified as Dawna Denize Wright, 31, of San Diego. The name of her wounded co-worker has not been released.

The suspect is identified as Roger McDowell, 34, of San Diego. He was booked into San Diego County Jail on one count of murder and one count of attempt murder.

Detectives determined that Wright and McDowell were known to each other and had what witnesses described as an "on-again off-again" relationship.

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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