



Felony Hit & Run Suspect Sought

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\$1,000 Reward

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers, working with San Diego Police Traffic investigators, is seeking any information on a felony hit and run that occurred in Pacific Beach in the early morning hours of April 1, 2008.

At about 2 a.m., SDPD received a call of two men who had been hit by a vehicle in the 1300 block of Garnet Avenue. Witnesses said two men were involved in a verbal disagreement and were crossing the street when they were struck by a car traveling westbound on Garnet. The vehicle was described as a silver Isuzu SUV and witnesses said the driver was a male, but they had no further information about him. (Witnesses originally thought the suspect vehicle was a Jeep Grand Cherokee.)

The victims Salvatore Defranco 21, and Damon Searnons 24, were transported to local hospitals. Defranco sustained serious head injuries and is in critical condition to the extent that he may not survive his injuries.

Anyone with information on this felony hit and run case is encouraged to call the San Diego Police Traffic Division at (858) 495-7800. You may also call Crime Stoppers anonymous, toll-free, tip line at (888) 580-TIPS. By calling Crime Stoppers you can remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward of up to \$1000 if your information leads to an arrest in this case.

Media inquiries should be directed to:

- Questions regarding this case should be directed to Mónica Muñoz at (619) 531-2675.
- Questions regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc. in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-TIPS.

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