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December 2006 Murder of Ronald Harnish Remains Unsolved

Reward Increased to \$7,500

Release Date: January 2, 2009

San Diego County Crime Stoppers, in conjunction with the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit and Ronald Harnish's family and friends, are asking for the public's assistance to help identify and locate the person(s) responsible for his murder. Crime Stoppers and the family and friends of Ronald Harnish have now increased their combined reward to a total of \$7,500.

On December 27, 2006, at about 10:00 p.m., two male subjects flagged officers down in the 1300 block of Fern Street, claiming to be the victims of an attack. One of the males was suffering from a gunshot wound, and was quickly transported to a local hospital for emergency care. Meanwhile, responding officers found a third victim, later identified as Ronald Harnish, lying in the street two blocks away at 1100 30th Street. Paramedics were called but were not able to revive Mr. Harnish. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The investigation revealed that the three males were driving in the same car in the 1100 block of 30th Street, when they got into a confrontation with two Hispanic males who were standing on the sidewalk. One of the Hispanic males fired shots at the victims. Ronald Harnish was struck and he died at the scene. The second victim was shot but managed to flee in the car with his uninjured companion, eventually located police officers at 1300 Fern Street.

Mr. Harnish, who was in the United States Navy, had just been accepted into the Navy Seal program. He was a decorated high school football player, and was inducted into the Lakewood, California "Hall of Fame" for his wrestling achievements. Harnish also wrote poetry which appeared in his high school poetry publication.

Ron Harnish's family and friends will be available for interviews at the location of the crime (1100 block of 30th Street) on Saturday, January 3, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Anyone with information related to this murder investigation should call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward, while the Harnish family and friends are offering up to a \$6,500 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect(s). Collect calls are accepted and callers may remain anonymous.

Media inquiries should be directed to:

- *Questions regarding the homicide case should be directed to Lt. Terry McManus at (619) 531-2293.*
- *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) 580-8477.