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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN ROLANDO NEIGHBORHOOD

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the stabbing death of a male this morning.

At approximately 4:30 a.m., 22-year-old La Donte Collins and two friends were driving on 70th Street near El Cajon Boulevard when their vehicle got a flat tire. The group stopped at a gas station and called a cab. While waiting for the cab to arrive, the group walked to the parking lot of the Ace Budget Motel at 7058 El Cajon Boulevard. When the cab arrived, the occupant of a room argued with Collins and his friends, alleging that the cab was for him, not them.

The argument continued to the north side of El Cajon Boulevard, where the suspect stabbed Collins and fled on foot. Collins was transported to a trauma center but died at 5:29 a.m. The suspect was described as a black male, 6', wearing a doo rag on his head.

Patrol officers detained a possible suspect at the scene, but he was released pending further investigation.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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