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Police Investigate Suspicious Death in East Village and Make Related Arrest

San Diego – This morning, at approximately 7:30 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call reporting a deceased person had been found in a parking lot at 600 16th Street in the East Village area.

Officers from Central Division arrived at the location and confirmed a deceased male was in the parking lot. Based on their preliminary investigation, the male likely died somewhere else, but his body was transported and left in the parking lot by a vehicle.

Due to the suspicious nature surrounding the death and movement of the body, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene to investigate.

The deceased person has not yet been positively identified. He is described as a Black male and possibly in his 50's or 60's. He was fully clothed and had a cane near him. There were no obvious signs of trauma to his body. The exact cause of his death is pending examination by the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office.

While police were at the scene, the vehicle used to transport the deceased male was located by patrol officers in the 1500 block of Commercial Street. A traffic stop was conducted. Timothy Martin was detained in the vehicle and eventually arrested and booked into jail for narcotics and mishandling human remains. He is described as a 62-year-old male.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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