



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## San Diego Police Department

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: February 2, 2017 (Thursday)**

**Time: 1615 Hours**

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**Homicide Unit**

**(619) 531-2425**

### **SAN DIEGO POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER SUICIDE IN THE LAKE MURRAY NEIGHBORHOOD**

**On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at approximately 10:25 a.m., San Diego Police Communications Center received a call to check the welfare of two persons in a residence on 6600 Bell Bluff Avenue.**

**When San Diego Police Department officers arrived on scene, they forced entry into the residence and found a deceased 68 year old white male and a deceased 69 year old white female inside the residence. They had gunshot wounds to their bodies.**

**During the subsequent homicide investigation, the male has been identified as James Smith and the female has been identified as his wife, Candace Smith.**

**James and Candace had been married for approximately 29 years. Approximately 26 years ago, James had suffered a traumatic brain injury as a result of a car accident and has required full time care since the accident. Candace was her husband's care provider. The preliminary investigation revealed James' condition had worsened and Candace had shot her husband and then took her own life.**

**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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