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Lincoln Park Fatal Hit & Run Arrest

San Diego- On April 5, 2017, at approximately 8:15 p.m., San Diego police officers responded to a hit and run traffic collision that occurred on the 1200 block of South 47th Street, in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of San Diego. The victim, 57-year-old Ruben Meza was walking away from his parked truck. A vehicle traveling south on 47th Street struck the victim while he was in the southbound traffic lanes. The driver of the vehicle did not stop and fled the area. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital by paramedics and was pronounced deceased.

Investigators from the San Diego Police Traffic Investigations Unit have determined that Darius Runnells (22 years old) was the driver who fled the scene. On April 11, 2017, at 1:45 p.m., Runnells surrendered himself to Traffic Investigators at the San Diego Police Departments Southeastern Division station.

Runnells was booked into County Jail on felony hit and run charges causing death.

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