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**San Diego Police Arrest Suspect in North Park Neighborhood Homicide**

San Diego—On Monday, May 29, 2017, at 9:34 p.m., the San Diego Police Department Communications Center received a 911 call regarding a male who needed medical assistance on the 2800 block of University Avenue. The first San Diego Police Officers to arrive found a male lying on the sidewalk with a stab wound to his abdomen. Officers provided life saving measures and the victim was transported to Mercy Hospital by paramedics.

Despite life saving measures, the victim was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The victim was identified as 38-year old Spencer Thompson of San Diego. Detectives learned that Thompson was not homeless, but living in the North Park area.

During the subsequent investigation, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives identified the suspect as 36-year old Brandon Cooper. Cooper was a friend of the victim and is homeless. On May 30, 2017, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Cooper was arrested in the Marina Neighborhood of San Diego. Cooper was booked into San Diego County Jail for homicide and an outstanding felony probation warrant.

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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