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San Diego Police Investigate Horton Plaza Homicide

San Diego—On Saturday, June 10, 2017, at 11:46 p.m., the San Diego Police Department Communications Center received a 911 call regarding a shooting on the 7th floor of Horton Plaza. The first San Diego Police Officers to arrive found two males with gunshot wounds.

The first victim sustained several gunshot wounds to his chest and was transported to UCSD Hospital. Despite life saving measures, the male was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The deceased victim has been identified as 43-year old James Celani of San Diego. Celani was active duty with the Navy at the time of his murder.

The second victim sustained a minor gunshot wound to his leg and will survive his injury. His identity will not be released.

Both victims were cousins.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident.

During the preliminary investigation, detectives learned that for an unknown reason both victims were confronted by two Black males. During the confrontation, one of the Black males shot both victims. After the shooting, both Black males ran north through Horton Plaza. Detectives believe this was an unprovoked attack.

The first suspect was described as a Black male, armed with a handgun. He was in his mid to late 20's and approximately 5'6" to 6'3" tall with a thin build. He was wearing a red T-Shirt and jeans.

The second suspect was described as a Black male. He was in his mid to late 20's and approximately 5'6" to 6'3" tall with a medium build. He was wearing dark clothing.

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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