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San Diego Police Arrest Suspect in 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.

During the investigation, Homicide detectives identified the suspect who had shot both victims as 39-year old Arrow Morris of San Diego. At this time in the investigation, detectives believe Morris was outside of the Mad House Comedy Club arguing with a female just before the shooting. During that argument he forcefully took her purse and walked away from the comedy club. While walking from the club, Morris encountered the victims and without provocation, shot both victims.

On Monday, June 12, 2017, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Morris was located in the Serra Mesa Neighborhood of San Diego and arrested in public. Morris was booked into San Diego County Jail for the murder of James Celani and the attempted murder of Celani's cousin. He was also booked for robbery, dissuading a witness, and for violating his parole.

The second suspect has been identified, but detectives are attempting to determine his exact involvement in the shooting. He has not been arrested. His identity will not be released at this time.

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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