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San Diego Police Department

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Homicide Unit

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POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE IN EAST VILLAGE

On Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at approximately 12:10 a.m., the San Diego Police Department received a call of shots fired in the area of Island Avenue and 17th Street in East Village. Patrol Officers responded and found an unconscious man in his early 20's suffering from a gunshot wound to his upper body. Medics were called and lifesaving efforts were initiated. The male however, did not survive his injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Homicide Detectives were called and they are currently collecting evidence and attempting to locate witnesses. Detectives learned the male was entering a vehicle occupied by two individuals in the 1700 block of Island Avenue. An unknown male approached on foot and fired two gunshots at the victim, striking him at least once. The suspect then ran southbound on the 400 block of 17th Street.

The suspect's identity is unknown at this time, but is described as an African American male, approximately 6 feet tall with a thin build. He was believed to be wearing a gray colored hoodie sweatshirt with dark pants. One witness described the male as possibly having dreadlocks.

The victim has been identified as 23-year-old, Derion Elias White of San Diego.

Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to call the San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit at 619-531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

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