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Homicide Cases Involving the Homeless Update

\$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit are asking for assistance from the public to help identify and locate the suspect responsible for two homicides and two additional violent attacks involving the homeless.

On Sunday, July 3, 2016, at approximately 8:06 a.m., the San Diego Police and Fire Department received a call of a fire in the area of 2700 Morena Boulevard. Fire personnel and Police Officers responded and discovered a body on fire between Northbound Interstate 5 and the train tracks. Fire personnel extinguished the blaze and discovered the deceased and badly burned body of a male adult.

On July 4, 2016, at approximately 4:51 a.m., the San Diego Police Department Communications Center received a 911 call of a person down and bleeding in the 3700 block of Greenwood Street. When officers arrived on scene, they located an adult male with trauma to his upper torso. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital with life threatening injuries.

On July 4, 2016, at approximately 6:10 a.m., a San Diego police officer was flagged down in the 2500 block of Bacon Street regarding a person down and bleeding from his upper torso. When officers arrived on scene, they located a deceased adult male with trauma to his upper torso.

On July 6, 2016, at approximately 5:08 a.m., the San Diego Police Department received a 911 call of a violent disturbance at an apartment complex in the 700 block of Kettner Blvd. Police officers responded and found an adult male who had suffered extensive damage to his upper body. Investigators learned that the male had been physically attacked and was then set on fire. The victim is not expected to survive his injuries.

Investigators believe these crimes are related. These attacks have occurred in the early morning hours and investigators urge the public to report any suspicious behavior they see. Investigators are also asking that the public spread the word to the homeless population to remain vigilant, avoid sleeping alone, and to stay in open, well lit areas.

Surveillance photos of the suspect.



A video of the suspect can be seen at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/jEoWzrMlZIM>

Anyone with information on these cases should call the San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in these cases. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent via www.sdcrimestoppers.org.

- **Media inquiries about the case can be directed to A/Lt. Manny Del Toro at (619) 531-2425.**
- **Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500.**

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