



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## San Diego Police Department

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**Time: 1300 Hours**

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### **HOMICIDE DETECTIVES INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS BURN DEATH IN BAY PARK**

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. Firemen and Police Officers responded and discovered a body on fire between Northbound Interstate 5 and the train tracks. Fireman extinguished the blaze and discovered the deceased and badly burned body of a male adult. The identity of the male is not known.

It is also unknown if the male was already dead at the time of the burning or if he suffered any additional trauma. The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives and members of the Metro Arson Strike Team are working together in conducting a scene investigation and looking for witnesses in the area. Preliminary investigation has revealed a person of interest and potential suspect as running from the scene around the time the fire was reported. That person is described as a male ranging in age from 30-50 years old wearing a tan or brown jacket or sweatshirt. The male also wore a baseball hat of an unknown color and was carrying a backpack. The unknown male was seen running southbound from the scene and ultimately crossed the northbound lanes of Interstate 5 to the center divider.

A male was also seen carrying a gas can within two blocks of the burn site before the radio calls began to come in.

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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