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Arrest Made in 2019 Grantville Homicide

San Diego – On May 21, 2019, at approximately 2:52 a.m., the San Diego Police Department began receiving 9-1-1 calls regarding possible gunshots in the area of 6200 Holabird Street. Patrol officers arrived on scene within two minutes and found a male down in the street, suffering from at least one apparent gunshot wound. San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel also responded however, the victim was unfortunately beyond help and was pronounced deceased at the scene at 3:08 a.m.

Homicide investigators were called to the scene and began handling the investigation. A person of interest was detained nearby by patrol officers. That person was interviewed by investigators, and later released pending further investigation. The investigation of the circumstances surrounding the homicide continued.

The victim was identified as 35-year-old Mario Bullard of San Diego.

Over the course of the next 2 years, detectives from Eastern Division have investigated at least 3 other shooting incidents in the surrounding area. As part of this investigation, detectives recently determined that the 2019 homicide was possibly linked to the other cases. In a collaborative effort between Homicide and Eastern Division detectives, Richard Lamont Cowan, II, was identified as a suspect. On September 15, 2021, Cowan was arrested for the non-fatal shooting cases. Cowan was additionally charged with the 2019 homicide this afternoon.

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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