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Update on Mountain View Neighborhood Homicide

San Diego – On Monday, September 20, 2021, just after 3:30 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received multiple 911 calls regarding a shooting at 3600 Ocean View Boulevard in the Mountain View neighborhood.

When officers from Southeastern Division arrived on scene, they found a male down on the sidewalk with at least one apparent gunshot wound to his upper body. The officers began first aid, including CPR, until San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel arrived on scene. The male was transported to a local hospital, but unfortunately, he was pronounced deceased at 4:19 p. m.

The initial responding officers also learned that another male had been transported from the scene to a local hospital via private vehicle for treatment of a non-life threatening gunshot injury.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and began investigating the incident. While it is still relatively early in the investigation, the circumstances surrounding the man's death are still unclear. However, detectives have learned a group was gathered in the parking lot of a convenience store just before the shooting. A white car drove westbound on Ocean View Blvd and appeared to fire several rounds at the group. The car then continued westbound on Ocean View.

Detectives are attempting to locate evidence and any possible witnesses. Investigators are aware several people were present at the time of the incident, but scattered immediately after. Detectives would like to speak to them.

The deceased male has been identified as Dorian D. Franklin, 34, of San Diego.

The second male, Veterial Webster, a 26-year-old male resident of San Diego, was treated for non-life threatening gunshot injuries and released from the hospital.

During the course of the investigation, Elijah Smith, 25, was identified as a suspect in this case. On September 22, 2021, Smith was arrested during a traffic stop in the City Heights area. He was booked into County jail for the murder of Franklin and the attempt murder of Webster.

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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