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Arrests Made and Victim Identified In Attack Near Petco Park

San Diego-On Sunday, November 18, 2018, at approximately 2:11 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call regarding an assault near the pedestrian bridge adjacent to Petco Park. San Diego Police and San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel responded to the scene. When they arrived, they found an unresponsive male near the pedestrian bridge. Life-saving efforts were initiated, and the male was transported to a hospital for further treatment. Unfortunately, the male is not expected to survive his injuries.

Homicide investigators were called to the scene and are handling the investigation. According to witnesses, the victim had been involved in an argument with a group of juveniles when they knocked him to the ground. Several juveniles from the group began attacking the male as he was on the ground. When witnesses began yelling at the group, they fled eastbound on Imperial Avenue. Several people were detained in the area to determine their possible involvement.

The victim has been identified as 56 year-old Edward Leon Starland. Starland remains on life-support in a local hospital.

As a result of the investigation, one adult male and three juvenile female suspects were detained and later booked into either County Jail or Juvenile Hall for felony battery. The adult male has been identified as 19 year-old Dominick Wells. The names of the juveniles will not be released due to their ages (14, 15 and 17 years old). Investigators are working on identifying other possible suspects.

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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