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Police Investigate Homicide in Rolando Park

San Diego – On Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 3:29 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call of burglary-in-progress at a veterinary clinic in the 7000 block of El Cajon Blvd. Officers from Mid-City Division responded to the location and found a concerned citizen detaining a male behind the clinic. Officers took custody of the detained male and checked the clinic for any victims or evidence of a crime. Upon doing so, they found an elderly male suffering from a head wound. Officers and personnel from San Diego Fire Rescue Department attempted lifesaving measures until the male could be transported for medical treatment. The male was transported to a nearby hospital where, unfortunately, he was pronounced deceased at 4:53 p.m. The deceased male has been identified; however his name is not being released at this time pending family notifications. He is described as an 88-year-old white male.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident. It is very early in the investigation and detectives are working to determine the circumstances surrounding the death of the male. At this time, it appears the victim interrupted a possible burglary to the veterinary clinic and a confrontation ensued between the suspect and the elderly victim. During that confrontation the victim sustained injuries, including the head wound. The exact cause of his death is pending examination by the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office.

Patrick O'Brien, described as a 37-year-old Black male resident of San Diego, was detained by officers at the scene. He was subsequently arrested and booked into jail for one count of murder. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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