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Homicide Investigates Death in Valencia Park; Arrest Made

San Diego – On June 27, 2022, at approximately 2:46 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call of a person down in the 5300 block of Imperial Avenue.

Officers from Southeastern Division responded and located a 29-year-old white female lying in the road unconscious. Medics responded and transported the female to a local hospital for treatment.

Officers began a preliminary investigation and gathered information that the female victim may have been hit by a vehicle. Further investigation revealed that she was involved in an argument with Samantha Muniz, a 44-year-old white female, who was present at the scene as officers investigated. Muniz and the victim are neighbors.

Detectives are still investigating the exact reasons and sequence of events for the argument, including gathering evidence and interviewing witnesses. That said, the preliminary investigation shows the argument progressed to where the victim was knocked to the ground by Muniz's vehicle which rendered the victim unconscious in the roadway.

As officers learned this information, a follow-up at the hospital revealed that the victim had been pronounced deceased. The San Diego Police Homicide Unit responded to investigate.

Based on the investigation, Samantha Muniz was arrested and booked into County Jail for murder.

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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