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### **Police Investigate Suspicious Death in O'Farrell**

**San Diego** – On Saturday, October 22, 2022, at approximately 1:45 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call from a concerned citizen reporting a possible dead body in the 400 block of 61st Street. Officers from Southeastern Division responded and located a deceased male in decomposition at an encampment at that location.

The state of the body made it difficult to determine if the male had any traumatic injuries. Officers conducted a death investigation and the Medical Examiner's Office responded to take custody of the body.

During the autopsy, the Medical Examiner located traumatic injury to the male's upper torso indicating the male's death was a homicide. The San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit coordinated with the Medical Examiner and began an investigation.

The deceased male has been identified as Leonard Watkins. He is described as a 62-year-old Black male.

The Homicide Unit is working to gather evidence and interview witnesses. The investigation is ongoing and there is no suspect information to release at this time. Investigators are interested in talking to anyone with information regarding this incident, who can call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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