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Police Investigate Shooting Death of Male in Chollas View

On November 14, 2022, at 6:11 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call reporting a shooting at a residence in the 700 Block of 44th Street in the Chollas View Neighborhood of San Diego. Officers from Southeastern Division were dispatched and arrived within minutes. Upon arriving, they found a male suffering from a gunshot wound to his chest. The male was transported by paramedics to a local hospital for treatment. Despite the best efforts of medical personnel, the male was pronounced deceased at 9:24 a.m.

As officers were at the location of the shooting, they received information the suspect was possibly barricaded within his residence. Due to the serious nature of the crime, the likelihood the suspect was armed with a firearm, and was refusing to exit his residence, assistance from the San Diego Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Unit and the Emergency Negotiations Team was requested. After several hours, determined the suspect was no longer within the house and there was no threat to residents in the neighborhood.

Shortly afterwards, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident. It is still early in the investigation and Detectives are working to determine the circumstances surrounding the shooting death of the male. Detectives have learned the shooting was the result of a dispute over loud noise that occurred between neighbors early in the morning. During that confrontation, the suspect apparently armed himself with a handgun and shot the victim at his residence. At 12:20 p.m., the suspect was located by San Diego Police Department officers in a parking lot in the 5000 block of Balboa Avenue and was arrested without incident.

The suspect has been identified as Eugene Martinez of San Diego. Martinez is described as a 49-year-old Hispanic Male and he was subsequently booked into jail for one count of murder. In addition, a 51-year-old Hispanic female was detained with Martinez. Detectives are working to clarify her role in this incident.

The deceased male has been identified but his name is not being released at this time pending family notifications. However, he is described as a 33-year-old Hispanic male.

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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