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Homicide Investigation in Castle Neighborhood; Arrest Made

San Diego – On May 12, 2023, at approximately 11:52 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call of a shooting in the 3500 block of Van Dyke Avenue. Officers from Mid City Division responded to the call and located a male down in a driveway suffering from at least one gunshot wound.

Paramedics were called and the male was transported to a local hospital where, unfortunately, he was pronounced deceased. The victim has been identified, but his name will not be released at this time. He is described as a 22-year-old Hispanic male.

While officers were at the scene, a male named Alan Bahena was detained. He was ultimately determined to be the suspect and was arrested for murder and booked into County Jail. Bahena is described as a 21-year-old Hispanic male.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and began investigating the shooting. Preliminary information gathered indicates that Bahena and the victim as well as other people were gathered in the driveway. Bahena and the victim are acquaintances. At some point, Bahena fired a gun that struck the victim at least once. It is unknown at this point what circumstances led up to the shooting.

No other suspects are known to be involved in this shooting. Detectives continue to work to determine the circumstances surrounding the shooting. Detectives are gathering and reviewing evidence and interviewing potential witnesses. This is an open and ongoing investigation.

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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