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Police Investigate Shooting Death of Male in Castle Neighborhood

San Diego – On June 27, 2023, at approximately 11:04 AM, the San Diego Police Communications Center received several calls reporting a shooting in front of a residence in the 3200 block of 40th Street in the Castle neighborhood of San Diego. Officers from Mid-City Division were dispatched immediately and arrived within minutes. Upon arriving, they found a bystander providing first aid to a male in front of a residence suffering from a gunshot wound to his upper body. Officers took over performing life-saving measures until paramedics from San Diego Fire-Rescue arrived and transported the male to a local hospital. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of the bystander, officers, and medical personnel, the male suffered catastrophic injuries and he was pronounced deceased at approximately 11:37 AM.

As officers responded to this call and conducted their preliminary investigation, they learned the victim was confronted by the suspect in front of the residence before he was shot. The suspect fled the area on foot prior to the arrival of police. San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident.

Detectives are working to determine the circumstances surrounding the shooting. At this time information is very limited, but it appears there may be some type of relationship between the suspect and the victim in this incident. However, the exact nature of that relationship has not been determined or confirmed at this time. What is known is a lone male suspect wearing a blue hoodie was seen running from the location of the shooting.

The deceased male has been identified as Cedrick Deshawn Cruz of San Diego. He is described as a 35-year-old Black male.

The suspect was described as an unknown aged youthful appearing Black male, wearing a blue hoodie.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.