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**Arrests Made and Victim Identified in Stabbing and Beating Death of Male at Bonita Cove Park**

**San Diego** – On Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 6:19 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call from a concerned citizen reporting a deceased male at Bonita Cove Park located at 900 West Mission Bay Drive in the Mission Beach neighborhood of San Diego. Officers from Northern Division and paramedics from San Diego Fire-Rescue were dispatched and arrived within minutes of the original call. Upon arriving, they found a male suffering from multiple facial and upper body injuries that indicated the male had been beaten. Further examination of the victim determined he had suffered multiple stab wounds to his upper body. Paramedics attempted to perform life-saving measures but it was readily apparent the male's injuries were grave and he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and have continued to investigate this incident throughout the week. It is still early in the investigation and detectives are still in the process of determining the circumstances leading up to the male's death. However, detectives have learned there were reports the victim was involved in a physical confrontation with a group of 5-6 white or Hispanic males and females in their late teens to early twenties in the early morning hours prior to his body being discovered.

The deceased male has been identified as Michael Shook of San Diego. Shook is described as a 65-year-old white male.

Over the past several days, Homicide detectives have interviewed numerous witnesses, collected several items of evidence and reviewed surveillance video footage from the surrounding area. Through their investigation, detectives identified Daniel Ruben Martin of El Cajon and a 17-year-old white male as two suspects in this case.

On July 7, 2023, at approximately 11:20 p.m., Martin was detained during a traffic stop at 1200 Sea World Drive and subsequently arrested per this case. On July 9, 2023, at approximately 2:30 p.m., detectives arrested the 17-year-old male at San Diego Police Department Headquarters located at 1401 Broadway after arranging his self-surrender. Martin was booked into San Diego County Jail while the 17-year-old male suspect was booked into San Diego County Juvenile Hall, each for one count of murder. Martin is described as an 18-year-old Hispanic male. No further information on the 17-year-old male will be released due to his status as a juvenile.

This is an ongoing investigation. 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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