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Second Arrest in Redwood Village Homicide; Victim Identified

On July 22, 2023, at approximately 4:30 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a report of gunshots in the area of 54th Street and Chollas Parkway in the Redwood Village neighborhood of San Diego. Officers responded to the area and were directed to a male lying in a nearby ravine. The male was suffering from at least one gunshot wound. Paramedics from San Diego Fire-Rescue arrived and transported the male to a local hospital. Unfortunately, the male did not survive his injuries.

During the preliminary investigation, officers learned that the victim was involved in an argument with two Hispanic males. At some point during this argument, one of the males produced a firearm and shot the victim. The Hispanic males possibly fled the scene eastbound in a light-colored vehicle.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives responded to investigate. During the investigation, Detectives determined that one of the suspects is Esteban Elizondo. Elizondo is described as a 39-year-old Hispanic male. On July 23, 2023, at approximately 11:30 a.m., Elizondo was located as the passenger in a vehicle during a traffic stop. He was arrested for this homicide and for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

During the traffic stop, the driver of the car, a 33-year-old Hispanic male was also arrested for an unrelated warrant.

The deceased male has been identified as Stephen Toney. He is described as a 29-year-old Black male.

As the investigation progressed, detectives identified the second suspect as Peter Santiago. Santiago is described as a 29-year-old Hispanic male. On Thursday, July 27, 2023, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Santiago was arrested at a residence in the 4200 block of 50th Street. Santiago was booked into jail for murder and conspiracy charges.

This remains 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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