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Homicide and Arrests in Serra Mesa

San Diego – On Monday, May 8, 2023, at approximately 6:15 a.m., officers from the San Diego Police Neighborhood Policing Division located a woman who appeared unconscious in the 3300 block of Sandrock Road. They attempted to awaken her, but she was unresponsive. Officers requested paramedics for the woman. Paramedics arrived and were unable to determine why the woman was unresponsive. They transported the woman to a local hospital.

At the hospital, emergency room doctors noticed that it appeared the woman had been shot multiple times with a pellet gun. Doctors also determined that the woman's injuries were non-survivable. The hospital reached back out to San Diego Police to advise them of their findings.

Based on that information, the San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit responded to investigate. Since that time, the Homicide Unit has been working to follow leads, gather evidence, and locate witnesses.

On Thursday, May 11, 2023, the woman died in the hospital. She has been identified as Annette Pershal. She is described as a 68-year-old white female. It is believed she was homeless at the time of her death. The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office began their investigation into the cause of death.

On Monday, July 31, 2023, the Medical Examiner notified San Diego Police that the death was going to be ruled a homicide. Based on the ongoing investigation, detectives had identified two suspects.

On Thursday, August 3, 2023, at approximately 8:15 a.m., Ryan Hopkins was arrested for this homicide at a residence in the 9100 block of Rebecca Avenue. Hopkins is described as a 19-year-old white male.

At approximately the same time, William Innes was arrested for this homicide at a residence in the 5200 block of Edge Park Way. Innes was also arrested for possession of an

assault weapon. He is described as an 18-year-old white male. Both suspects were booked into County Jail.

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

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