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Police Investigate Stabbing Death of Male at Mesa Verde Park in Mira Mesa, Arrest Made

San Diego – On Friday, August 11, 2023, at 10:01 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call reporting a male had been stabbed at Mesa Verde Park located at 8350 Gold Coast Drive in the Mira Mesa Neighborhood of San Diego. Officers from Northeastern 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 a stab wound to his chest. Paramedics transported the male to a local hospital but despite the best attempts of medical personnel, the male died at the hospital a short time later.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident. It is still early in the investigation and little is known about the circumstances leading up to the male's death. However, detectives have learned there was a group of several transient males that were at the park when an argument broke out between the victim and suspect. During this argument, the suspect stabbed the victim at least one time in the chest.

The suspect fled the immediate area but returned to the park a short time later. Once there, he was contacted and ultimately arrested by officers who had responded to the stabbing call. The suspect and victim were part of the same group of transient males and were known to each other.

Homicide Detectives are currently processing the scene for physical evidence, attempting to locate surveillance video and attempting to locate any witnesses to this incident.

The victim has been tentatively identified but his name is being withheld pending family notifications. He is described as a 22-year-old Guatemalan male. The suspect is a 17-

year-old Guatemalan male and he was booked into San Diego County Juvenile Hall. No further information on the suspect will be released due to his status as a Juvenile.

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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