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**Update on Point Loma Investigation**

On Monday, February 19, 2024, at approximately 2:11 AM, the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call reporting a male in medical distress following a physical altercation. The location of the call was a residence in the 2800 block of Poinsettia Drive in the Point Loma area.

Officers from Western Division responded and located the male inside of the residence. He was not breathing. Officers began lifesaving efforts until paramedics arrived and transported the victim to a local hospital. Unfortunately, the male was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The victim is described as a 38-year-old white male. He has been preliminarily identified. His name will not be released pending family notification.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident. While it is early in the investigation, based on preliminary information, it appears the residence where this occurred is a vacation rental. A group of people from out of town were staying there. During the night, there was a physical altercation where the male who died was physically restrained by another member of the group. While being restrained, the male went into medical distress leading to the 911 call.

The other male involved in the altercation was detained. He is described as a 44-year-old white male. Ultimately, he was released pending further investigation. His name will not be released at this time.

Detectives remain at the scene executing a search warrant on the house. They continue to investigate what led up to the altercation, the nature of the altercation and restraint, and the circumstances surrounding the death. The cause of death will be determined by the San Diego County Medical Examiner.

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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