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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 is now identified as Mark Giancarlo from Chicago, Illinois.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene. Based on preliminary information, 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 Giancarlo was physically restrained by another member of the group. While being restrained, Giancarlo 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.

This investigation is open and ongoing. Detectives continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding Giancarlo's death. Per the San Diego County Medical Examiner, Giancarlo's cause of death is pending.

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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