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Man Stabbed to Death in Gaslamp

San Diego – A man was stabbed to death in the Golden West Hotel located in the Gaslamp.

On September 3, at 6:58 p.m., San Diego Police received a call that an adult male had been stabbed on the second floor of the Golden West Hotel at 720 4th Avenue in the Gaslamp. Officers located the victim and immediately began life saving measures until San Diego Fire-Rescue paramedics arrived. The victim was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Immediately after the stabbing, the suspect exited the hotel and ran from the scene. Shortly after, he called San Diego Police Dispatch to turn himself in. The suspect was arrested without further incident on the 1500 block of India Street in San Diego.

San Diego Police Homicide investigators were called to the scene and are currently investigating this incident. It is still early in the investigation, but it appears the victim and suspect were engaged in an argument that escalated into a physical confrontation and the fatal stabbing of the victim.

The deceased male has been identified but his name is being withheld pending family notifications. He is described as a 38-year-old Black male.

The suspect has been identified as Rene Lunar, a 44-year-old Hispanic male.

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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