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Suspect in Central Library Shooting Arrested

On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at approximately 12:17 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call of gunshots at the Central Library at 330 Park Boulevard in the East Village neighborhood of San Diego. Officers from Central Division responded and located two males suffering from multiple gunshot wounds in the plaza in front of the library. Officers began rendering aid to the victims. Paramedics arrived and transported one of the males to a local hospital. The other male was, unfortunately, pronounced deceased at the scene.

The San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit was called to the scene to investigate. Based on preliminary information gathered, it appears there was an altercation at the entrance of the library where a group of people, including the victims, confronted the suspect over a stolen backpack. During this confrontation, the suspect produced a handgun and fired at the victims striking them. Detectives continue to review evidence and conduct interviews to try to understand the exact details of this interaction.

The first victim is described as a 20-year-old Black male. He is now identified as Trey Walker. He was pronounced deceased at the scene from at least one gunshot wound to the torso.

The second victim is described as a 24-year-old Black male. He remains at the hospital in treatment for at least one gunshot wound to the lower part of his body. He is expected to survive his injuries. His name will not be released at this time.

The investigation revealed that the suspect is Kenneth Chaney, described as a 21-year-old Black male. On Thursday, May 25, 2023, at approximately 2:45 p.m., Chaney was located in the area of University Avenue and the I-15 Freeway and arrested by San Diego Police. Chaney was booked into County Jail for murder, attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon. Arraignment is scheduled for May 30, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

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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