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## **Victim Identified in Downtown Stabbing**

**San Diego** – A man was stabbed in front of the Hotel Churchill Saturday night.

On February 14, 2026, at about 9:23 p.m., San Diego Police Communications received a report of a stabbing on the sidewalk near the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and C Street downtown. Officers arrived and found a person described as a white male in his 40s on the sidewalk suffering from apparent stab wounds. Officers and medics rendered aid to the man, but he did not survive his injuries. He is now identified as 41-year-old Mark Thomas of San Diego.

While tending to the victim, officers were directed to the suspect, who had retreated into his nearby apartment and attempted to start a fire. Officers forced their way into the room and took 34-year-old Grant Parker into custody with the use of a police K9. Parker was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment. Parker was later booked into county Jail for murder. The relationship between the two men is not known at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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