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19-Year-Old Shot and Killed in Grantville Identified

San Diego - On June 12, 2026, at approximately 10:23 p.m., the San Diego Police Department received a 9-1-1 call, reporting a shooting in the 4500 block of Alvarado Canyon Road. The incident was reported to have occurred outside the Union Grantville apartment complex, near the Grantville Trolley Station.

Responding officers arrived at the scene and located evidence of a shooting; however, no victim was found at that location. At the same time officers were investigating, a separate 9-1-1 call reported a single-vehicle collision in the 6900 block of Mission Gorge Road.

Officers responded to the collision scene and discovered a 19-year-old male in the backseat of the vehicle suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. The driver, who was not injured, told officers he was transporting the victim from the Union Grantville apartments and was attempting to take him to a hospital before the collision occurred.

Paramedics responded and transported the victim to a local trauma center where he later succumbed to his injuries. The victim is now identified as Deandre Towers, from San Diego.

The San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit has assumed responsibility for the investigation. Detectives are continuing efforts to determine the sequence of events leading up to the shooting. They believe several individuals witnessed the altercation that preceded the shooting, and they are asking for members of the public to step-forward and provide information. If witnesses prefer to remain anonymous, they can also submit a Crime Stoppers tip.

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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