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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN OTAY MESA

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the stabbing death of a male in Otay Mesa this afternoon.

At 3:10 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of an injured person inside a vehicle at a San Diego Fire Station in Otay Mesa. Officers found a 53-year-old male suffering from an apparent stab wound. Paramedics attempted to save the victim, but he was pronounced dead outside the fire station at 1543 hours.

Officers developed information that led them to a rugged, undeveloped area of Otay Mesa between Otay Mesa Road and the U.S. – Mexico border fence. Officers located the crime scene and the whereabouts of a possible suspect nearby. Officers located Benito Arroyo, 30, in an abandoned motor home approximately one-half mile east of the crime scene. Arroyo was arrested for parole violation, and Homicide Team III continued to investigate the murder.

Detectives developed probable cause to arrest Arroyo for the murder, and they did so. Arroyo is being processed at Headquarters, and he will be booked into County Jail for one count of murder and parole violation.

The victim has been identified, but his name is being withheld pending family notification.

The crime appears to stem from an argument over a bicycle stolen the day before.

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