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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN JAMACHA-LOMITA NEIGHBORHOOD

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a late night shooting that killed one man and left a second man in critical condition.

At 12:07 a.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the 600 block of Sawtelle Avenue. They arrived to find two victims on the sidewalk outside a residence. Paramedics pronounced one male dead at the scene, and they transported a second male to a trauma center. The second victim is in critical condition at this time.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that a family had gathered to watch a sporting event, and several members of the family were standing outside the residence when the suspect vehicle passed. The vehicle (described a late 1990's pickup truck, white in color, with an extended cab) circled the block and passed the residence a second time. The vehicle made a u-turn and stopped in the street outside the residence. The driver of the suspect vehicle yelled out a gang challenge to the victims. A passenger in the truck got out, and gunshots followed. The vehicle fled south on Sawtelle Avenue after the shooting. The deceased victim has been identified as John Perez, 33.

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

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