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San Diego Police Department

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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN MARINA NEIGHBORHOOD

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the murder of a male in the Marina neighborhood early this morning.

At 6:15 a.m., a citizen noticed a male down outside a business in the 200 block of Harbor Drive. Officers and paramedics arrived to find the victim, who had been beaten to death with a blunt object. Additional officers arrived to assist with the murder scene, and one officer spoke to a male at First Avenue and Harbor Drive. After a brief conversation with the male, the officer detained him as a possible suspect.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the suspect and victim may have been involved in an argument over an item of clothing, and the suspect beat the victim while taking the clothing back from him. Both victim and suspect appear to be homeless.

The victim has not been identified. The suspect, 63-year-old Claude Dean, is being processed at Headquarters prior to booking into County Jail for one count of murder.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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