

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## San Diego Police Department

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## POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN BARRIO LOGAN

(**San Diego**) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting that left one man dead and another injured yesterday evening at about 6:20 p.m.

At about 6:20 p.m., officers received a radio call of a shooting at 2860 Main Street. The caller described several males fighting in the street, followed by an exchange of gunfire between two vehicles at the intersection of 28 and Main Streets. Officers and paramedics arrived and found a Hispanic male in front of 2646 Main Street suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. This victim was transported to a local trauma center where he later died as a result of the injuries sustained. He was pronounced dead at 7:40 p.m.

The early investigation has revealed that the deceased was inside of a white four-door compact vehicle at the intersection of 28 and Main Streets, when a confrontation occurred between the occupants of that vehicle and the occupants of a brown colored pickup truck. The occupants of both vehicles retrieved guns and began shooting at each other. The victim was struck by gunfire while in or near the white compact vehicle. After being struck by gunfire, he fell atop the vehicle while it was travelling westbound at 2700 Main Street. The vehicle came to a rest in front of 2646 Main Street, and the victim fell from the vehicle. Other occupants of the vehicle left the injured victim in the street, and fled westbound on Main Street. At this point in the investigation, it is not known if the occupants of the brown pickup truck were struck by gunfire.

At about 6:25 p.m., officers received a radio call from a witness to the shooting. The caller stated that he was following a car that was just involved in a shooting. He described the car as a white four-door compact vehicle. He further stated that the driver just dropped off the shooting victim at Coronado Hospital. Patrol officers from SDPD and Coronado PD responded to the hospital and verified that a patient had arrived with gunshot wounds. That patient was quickly transferred to a local trauma center for treatment of his injuries. He is expected to survive. Responding officers located the involved vehicle in Coronado near the intersection of Second and Prospect. The vehicle was no longer occupied, and a check of the license plate revealed that it was stolen on August 27, 2009. Officers conducted an extensive search of the area for suspects and/or the previous occupants of the vehicle, with negative results.

The motivation for the shooting is not known at this time. The 20-year-old decedent has been identified but his name is being withheld pending family notification. The surviving victim is 30 years old. His name is not being provided.

Investigators are interviewing several witnesses with the hope of identifying the occupants of the brown pickup truck. They are described as Hispanic males, 20-30 years old. No further description has been provided on the suspects or the vehicle. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call SD County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293.