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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN EMERALD HILLS

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a male in Emerald Hills Park this afternoon.

At 4:05 p.m., officers were dispatched to the park (5650 Bethune Court) on a report of a shooting. They arrived to find the victim, 29-year-old Cornelius Johnson, down near the basketball courts. Johnson had suffered apparent gunshot wounds, and although paramedics attempted lifesaving measures, he died at the scene at 4:21 p.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim left his home, located nearby, to play basketball in the park. After the shooting, three black males were seen running to a late-model, light-colored vehicle parked on Tooley Street. The vehicle was last seen eastbound on Tooley Street.

The motive for the shooting is not known.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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