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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN NORMAL HEIGHTS

(**San Diego**) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a male on a Normal Heights street.

Last night, at approximately 10:45 p.m., officers responded to the 4300 block of 40th Street on reports of gunshots heard and a person down. They arrived to find Stephen Cormier, 18, suffering from gunshot wounds. Officers and paramedics attempted lifesaving measures, but Cormier was pronounced dead at the scene at 11:07 p.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that Cormier was inside a residence in the 4300 block of 39th Street when a Latino male (wearing a black wrestling mask, black nylon jacket, black gloves, and black denim shorts) came to the door. Cormier went outside and engaged the masked male in conversation. Cormier and the masked male walked south in the east alley of 39th Street. When they arrived in the cul-de-sac at the south end of 40th Street, Cormier and the suspect began to fight. The suspect pulled out a handgun and shot Cormier several times.

The suspect ran to a white Ford Explorer which was parked on the east curb of 40th Street, facing north. The Explorer was driven by a Latino male, mid-20s, short hair, wearing a dark blue San Diego Chargers jersey. The vehicle was last seen eastbound on Meade Avenue.

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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