



Darnell Smith Homicide 2-Year Anniversary

\$3,500 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers, working with the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit, continue to seek information about the murder of Darnell Smith; today marks the 2-year anniversary of the unsolved case.

On June 15, 2008, at approximately 12:20 a.m., 20-year-old Darnell Smith parked his car in the 700 block of Pyramid Street. Smith was with several relatives and was walking to his aunt's house from his car. An unknown suspect stepped out of a vehicle, walked up behind Smith and his relatives, and fired multiple rounds at the group; Smith was hit and died at the scene. Witnesses described the suspect vehicle as a newer black Ford Escape or a similar vehicle with tinted windows.

A picture similar to the suspect vehicle is attached to page two of this press release. A picture of Darnell Smith is attached to this email.

Anyone with any information on this case is asked to call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. You can also send **anonymous email or text messages to Crime Stoppers by visiting the following link: <http://www.sdcrimestoppers.com/>**. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$3,500 combined reward; the reward total comes from Crime Stoppers \$1,000 and Cox Communications \$2,500.

Media inquiries should be directed to:

- **Questions regarding the case should be directed to Lt. Kevin Rooney at (619) 531-2425.**
- **Questions regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.**

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-TIPS.

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Suspect Vehicle – Newer Black Ford Escape or Similar SUV

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