February 2009 Murder of Hannah Podhorsky Remains Unsolved
Up to $1,000 Reward Offered

San Diego County Crime Stoppers, working with the San Diego Police Department homicide unit, is asking for the public’s assistance to help identify and locate the person responsible for the murder of Hannah Podhorsky.

On February 1st 2009, at approximately 2:40 a.m., Southeastern Division patrol officers received a radio call of a shooting that occurred in the 700 block of South 42nd Street. When officers arrived at about 2:45 a.m., they found a young woman suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Patrol officers and paramedics provided emergency medical care including CPR; however the victim did not survive her injuries. The victim has been identified as 16-year-old Hannah Podhorsky. She was a resident of National City and a student at Mission Bay High School.

The investigation has revealed that Podhorsky was visiting friends who reside on S. 42nd Street. She was standing on the sidewalk in front of the residence with at least one other person when they were approached by the unknown suspect(s) who fired 2-3 rounds from a handgun in the direction Podhorsky and her friend. Podhorsky was struck once in the lower abdominal area. The motivation for the shooting is not clear at this time, nor is it clear whether or not Podhorsky was the intended target.

A picture of Hannah Podhorsky is attached to page two of this release.

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information leading to a felony arrest in this case. Anyone with information on the murder of Hanna Podhorsky is asked to call the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent in via www.sdcrimestoppers.com.

- Media inquiries about the case should be directed to the San Diego Police Department homicide unit at 619-531-2293.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers should be directed to either 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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