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POLICE INVESTIGATE SHOOTING IN CORE- COLUMBIA

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting in Downtown San Diego which left one woman gravely wounded.

At 4:15 p.m., Central Division officers responded to Fifth Avenue and Broadway on reports of a shooting. On arrival, officers found a 57 year-old victim lying on the west sidewalk of Fifth Avenue, just north of Broadway. The victim had been shot a number of times. Paramedics responded to the scene and transported the woman to a local hospital. Her wounds are believed to be life threatening.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the victim and her 83 year-old husband were walking on the sidewalk, southbound Fifth Avenue when they began to argue. The male suddenly pulled out a handgun and shot his wife. After shooting his wife, the suspect dropped the gun and was detained by citizens who had witnessed the shooting. Arriving officers took the suspect into custody.

The suspect and victim have both been identified, but their names are being withheld pending family notification. It has not been determined what precipitated the shooting. Detectives and forensic specialists are processing the scene for evidence and are continuing to interview witnesses.

The suspect is currently being interviewed by investigators. He will be booked into San Diego County Jail.

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