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POLICE INVESTIGATE FATAL SHOOTING IN MT. HOPE

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting that left a juvenile dead, in the Mt. Hope area of San Diego.

At 8:07 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the south alley of 3500 Island Avenue. Officers arrived and found a 14 year old male suffering from a gunshot wound. Paramedics arrived to treat the young man, but he died at the scene.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the victim was sitting on the tailgate of a parked pick-up truck, talking with friends, when a dark colored SUV drove toward them and stopped. Two Hispanic males got out of the SUV and began shooting toward the victim and his friends. The victim tried to flee on foot, but was struck by the gunfire. The two suspects, described in their 20's, got back into the SUV and drove west-bound from the scene.

The victim has been identified, but his name will be withheld until his family can be notified. It has not yet been determined what precipitated the shooting. Detectives and forensic specialists are currently processing the scene for evidence and trying to locate witnesses. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at 619 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at 888 580-8477.

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