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Two Additional Arrests Made in 2021 Homicide in Emerald Hills after Vehicle Pursuit and Recovery of Numerous Firearms

San Diego – On Sunday, May 9, 2021, just before 10:30 a.m., members of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department were in Emerald Hills Neighborhood Park when they were contacted by a male requesting a welfare check on a female in a vehicle at 5600 Bethune Court at the entrance to the park. As they approached the vehicle, the Fire-Rescue Department personnel saw there were apparent bullet holes in the windshield and the female was unresponsive. There were visual signs the female was obviously deceased and they called the San Diego Police Communications Center to report the situation. The female was identified as Tamara Dorena Shellum, 44, of San Diego. She was the registered owner of the vehicle she was found in.

Over the past 14 months, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives have continued to investigate this homicide, making two previous arrests for Shellum's murder which occurred on May 26, 2021 of Kenneth Earl Brooks, 21, of San Diego and on June 14, 2022 of Michael Cunningham, 20, of San Diego.

During the course of the investigation, Homicide Detectives worked with Detectives from the San Diego Police Department's Southern Division and determined two suspects involved in a shoplift turned robbery were also suspects in the murder of Tamara Shellum. That incident occurred on March 13, 2022 at H&M clothing located at 4211 Camino De La Plaza in San Ysidro.

On July 7, 2022, one of the suspects, Jaylen Thomas, was located in the Linda Vista area and uniformed officers from the San Diego Police Department attempted to initiate a traffic stop in a marked patrol vehicle. Thomas fled from police in his vehicle and a pursuit was initiated. Thomas ultimately lost control of his vehicle on SR-52, west of Mast Blvd and crashed into the center median. Thomas was not injured and taken into custody without incident. Thomas had a 20-year-old female passenger in the vehicle who was evaluated for injuries by medics and released a short time later. Officers recovered a loaded 9mm handgun in the vehicle.

At approximately the same time Thomas was taken into custody, San Diego Police Department Detectives worked with investigators from a multi-agency task force in Riverside County to locate and arrest the second suspect, Lloyd Dozier, at a residence in the 29000 block of Via Las Colinas in Temecula, CA. Dozier was arrested without incident. Working in cooperation with San Diego

Police Department Detectives, Investigators from the Riverside County task force obtained a search warrant for the residence. During the service of the search warrant, Detectives and Investigators recovered hundreds of rounds of ammunition, a 9mm handgun and an assault style rifle from within the residence.

Jaylen Thomas is described as a 19-year-old Black male and is a resident of San Diego. He was booked into San Diego County Jail for Murder, Robbery, Carrying a Concealed Firearm, Felony Evading and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

Lloyd Dozier is described as a 22-year-old Black male and is a resident of Spring Valley. He was booked into San Diego County Jail for Murder and Robbery. Charges related to the firearms and ammunition recovered at the residence in Temecula will be determined at a future date by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and Riverside County District Attorney's office.

The San Diego Police Department would like to thank our law enforcement partners in Riverside County for their assistance in this investigation including the seizure of dangerous and illegal firearms and ammunition and their assistance in the apprehension of a murder suspect.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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