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Victim Identified in Shooting Death of Male in Shelltown

San Diego – On Monday, September 5, 2022, at 5:51 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received multiple calls about a person being shot in the 1600 block of Una Avenue in the Shelltown neighborhood of San Diego. Officers from Southeastern Division responded to the location and arrived within minutes. Upon arriving, officers found a male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to his upper body and head. Officers called for medics and began performing life saving measures until paramedics arrived. The male was subsequently transported to a nearby hospital where, unfortunately, he was pronounced deceased at 7:27 p.m. The victim has been identified as Mario Galvez of San Diego. Galvez is described as a 40-year-old Hispanic male.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident. It is early in the investigation and detectives are working to determine the circumstances surrounding the shooting death of this male. This includes gathering evidence at the scene and attempting to locate any possible witnesses to this incident. What they have learned at this early stage in the investigation is it appears the victim was outside of his vehicle and possibly had a verbal altercation in the street with another male immediately preceding the shooting. The argument escalated to a point where the suspect took out a handgun and shot the victim multiple times, fatally striking him in the upper body and head. The suspect is not in custody but is described as possibly a Hispanic or white male, heavy set, possibly in his late 20's to mid-30's wearing dark clothing. The suspect fled the scene in possibly a mid-size sedan.

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

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