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**Arrest Made in Otay Mesa Homicide**

**San Diego** – At 10:56 p.m. on March 19, 2020, the San Diego Police Communications Center received a 911 call regarding a possible shooting victim at Palm Avenue and Twining Avenue in the Otay Mesa West neighborhood of San Diego. When San Diego Police and San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel arrived on scene, they found two men in a car suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. A 22 year-old sustained an apparent gunshot wound to one of his legs and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. His injury is not believed to be life-threatening. A 21 year-old man sustained at least one apparent gunshot to his torso and was unresponsive. Life-saving measures were provided at the scene and the man was transported to a local hospital. Unfortunately, the man did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. A 16 year-old female companion of the men was found hiding and uninjured in the trunk of the car.

Investigators from the San Diego Police Homicide Unit were called to the scene to handle the investigation. During the preliminary investigation, it was determined the incident originated from an altercation in the area of Drucker Lane and Siempre Viva Road in Otay Mesa. As a result of the investigation the companion of the decedent who sustained the gunshot wound to his leg, 22 year-old Hector Gabriel Sanchez, has been arrested for a variety of charges including murder.

The man who succumbed to his injuries has been identified as 21 year-old Tadesse Mekrai.

This case has been issued by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. All further media inquiries should be directed to their office.

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

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