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**Arrest in Core-Columbia Homicide**

**San Diego** – At 5:09 a.m. on April 28, 2020, San Diego Police Officers responded to a possible traffic collision in the 1100 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. When the officers arrived on scene, they found a 32 year-old male critically injured from the accident. The driver that struck the victim fled in the vehicle. The victim was transported to a local hospital, but unfortunately he did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The incident was initially handled as a possible hit and run accident, but as the Traffic Investigators began reviewing video footage, it became clear the incident was an intentional act.

Responsibility for the investigation was transferred to the Homicide Unit. Investigators were able to develop additional information which led to the vehicle and suspect being identified. 32 year-old Zachary Porter was located in Tijuana, Mexico this morning. Mexican authorities expelled him from their country and turned Porter over to authorities at the border. Porter was processed by the Homicide investigators and was booked into San Diego County Jail for murder.

The victim in this case has been identified as 32 year-old Met Austin Siapengo Simon.

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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