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Update on Homicide in Otay Mesa West

San Diego – At 8:19 a.m. on July 12, 2020, the San Diego Police Communications Center received a 911 call regarding an argument in the 4300 block of Ebersole Drive. As officers were en route to the call, the caller reported hearing gunshots. When the officers arrived on scene, they found a 37 year-old woman on the ground with apparent gunshot wounds (initially reported as a 36 year-old woman). Not knowing where the suspect was, the officers evacuated the woman to an area where she could be treated by paramedics. The officers then received information that a second victim was possibly down inside the residence. The officers made an emergency entry into the home and found a 65 year-old woman who also had apparent gunshot wounds. They evacuated that woman to an area where she could be treated. The officers then received information there should be a six month-old infant inside. The officers made another emergency entry and searched the house, but were unable to find the child. Unfortunately, both of the women who were shot succumbed to their wounds. One was pronounced deceased at the scene and one was pronounced deceased at a local hospital.

The assistance of the SWAT Team was requested to conduct a more thorough search of the residence and surrounding area in hopes of locating the infant and a possible suspect.

Investigators from the Homicide Unit were called to the scene to handle the homicide investigation. This appears to be a tragic case of domestic violence. It appears the suspect and the 37 year-old victim have a six month-old child together whom the suspect was picking up for his visitation. During that encounter, the suspect fatally shot the child's mother and eventually shot the child's grandmother.

Additional investigators were called in to assist with locating the infant and the suspect. The investigators learned the suspect fled the area with the child, later dropping the child off with his current wife and drove to Mexico. The suspect's vehicle was located in Mexico on July 13, 2020, and a deceased body was found inside from an apparent self-

inflicted gunshot wound. Investigators do believe it is the body of the suspect in this case.

The suspect has been identified as 31 year-old Justice Love Peace (aka Jeremiah Horton).

The victims have been identified as 37 year-old Elizabeth Rebecca Stolz and 65 year-old Debora Lea Stolz. The child was placed in protective custody at Polinsky Center.

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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