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Police Investigate Murder-Suicide In Paradise Hills

San Diego - On November 16, 2019, at approximately 6:49 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from a resident in the 2100 block of Flintridge Drive. There was no contact with the caller, although the dispatcher could hear a male and female arguing in the background. Officers were dispatched to the residence. As they were responding, a relative who lives next to the scene called 9-1-1 also. That relative reported hearing arguing and what sounded like a nail gun being fired. When the officers arrived on scene, they looked in a window and saw a young child on the floor bleeding. The officers forced entry into the residence and discovered five additional people all suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. A 31 year-old male, a 29 year-old female, and a 3 year-old boy were pronounced deceased at the scene. Three other boys (ages 5, 9 and 11) were transported to local hospitals. Sadly, two of those boys succumbed to their injuries and were pronounced deceased at the hospital. The third boy that was transported underwent emergency surgery.

Investigators from the San Diego Police Homicide Unit were called to the scene to investigate. Although it is early in the investigation, this incident appears to be a tragic case of domestic violence murder-suicide. The adult male and female were in the process of divorcing and they were the parents to the four boys. The female victim had obtained a temporary restraining order the day before. It is still unclear if the restraining order had been legally served, but we do believe the male was aware of it. It appears the male came to the residence in the morning and an altercation ensued. The male used his gun to shoot his wife and children, before turning the gun on himself.

At the request of the family, we are not releasing the names of the victims at this time while they notify the extended family of this tragedy.

As of this morning, the surviving child remains in critical condition.

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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