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**Police Investigate a Homicide in the East Village**

**San Diego** - On Saturday, December 28, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from an employee at the Alpha Project of shots heard outside the shelter. Officers were also flagged down by a citizen about the same time regarding multiple shots heard near the Alpha Project at 1700 Imperial Avenue. When police officers arrived on scene, they found an adult male on the sidewalk suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to a local hospital but unfortunately succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Investigators from the San Diego Police Homicide Unit were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident. The victim in this tragic homicide was working as a security guard at the Alpha Project. While outside, an unknown suspect or suspects, approached the victim and shot him several times. The suspect(s) fled the scene prior to police arriving.

The victim has been identified as 44-year-old Ernest Lee Buchanan of San Diego.

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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