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San Diego Police Investigate In Custody Death in Little Italy

San Diego—On Friday October 5, 2018, at approximately 11:00 p.m., the San Diego Police Department Communications Center received several calls regarding a naked male running in and out of traffic in the area of 600 W. Grape Street. San Diego Police Officers responded and took the male into custody. The male went into medical distress and was transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased at 11:58 p.m.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident as an in custody death. Although it is very early in the investigation, witnesses have been able to shed some light on the events leading up to the man's death. Witnesses have told investigators a white male in his thirties was running in and out of traffic yelling for help. The male was naked and appeared to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. When the first officer arrived on scene, he was able to place the male into handcuffs. As the officer was attempting to escort him out of the street, the male began struggling with the officer. The officer was able to take the male to the ground, but was having difficulty controlling him. At least two civilian witnesses came to the officer's aid and helped restrain the male until additional officers arrived. The officers provided medical aid to the male until paramedics arrived and took over.

The identity of the deceased subject has not been determined at this time. None of the officers or civilians involved in the incident sustained any significant injuries.

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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