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Victim Dies In Petco Park Attack

San Diego—On Sunday, November 18, 2018, at approximately 2:11 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call regarding an assault near the pedestrian bridge adjacent to Petco Park. San Diego Police and San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel responded to the scene. When they arrived, they found an unresponsive male near the pedestrian bridge. Life-saving efforts were initiated, and the male was transported to a hospital for further treatment.

Homicide investigators were called to the scene and are handling the investigation. According to witnesses, the victim had been involved in an argument with a group of juveniles when they knocked him to the ground. Several juveniles from the group began attacking the male as he was on the ground. When witnesses began yelling at the group, they fled eastbound on Imperial Avenue. Patrol officers detained several people in the area for questioning. This is an on-going investigation.

The victim was identified as 56 year-old Edward Leon Starland. Mr. Starland eventually succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on December 3, 2018.

This case has been presented to the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. All media inquiries should be directed to their Media Relations Unit.

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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