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Update on Homicide at Core Columbia Hotel

San Diego – On Sunday, January 31, 2021, at about 9:15 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received several calls reporting gunshots and a person down at the Days Inn, located at 833 Ash Street.

Officers from Central Division arrived at the location and were directed to a guest room where they found an unresponsive male with at least one apparent gunshot wound. Officers performed life saving measures until relieved by San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel. The male was transported to a local hospital where he, unfortunately, succumbed to his injuries just after 10:00 p.m.

The victim has been identified as Carlos Ledesma-Diaz, 18, of Escondido.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and began investigating the incident. Detectives learned that the victim was in a hotel room with several other people before he was shot. Three males walked away from the room, but one turned and began walking back toward the room. One of the two remaining males opened fire toward the room. As the victim exited the room, he was shot by one of the two suspects.

The suspect and his companion were described as Hispanic males who fled the scene northbound on 9th Avenue in a small, light colored vehicle.

On February 4, 2021, just after 7:00 p.m., a 16 year-old white male was arrested for the murder of Carlos Ledesma.

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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