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Update on Homicide in Petco Neighborhood

San Diego – On February 27, 2021, just before 8:15 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call reporting a stabbing had occurred at the Imperial Trolley Center at 1255 Imperial Avenue.

Officers from Central Division arrived at the location and found personnel from the Metropolitan Transit System attending to a male with several apparent stab wounds to his torso. Officers continued to provide medical aid until relieved by San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel. The male was transported to a local hospital, but unfortunately, he was pronounced deceased just before 9:30 p.m.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and began investigating the incident. Early in the investigation, detectives learned the male was involved in a physical altercation with another male on the trolley platform. During the fight, the suspect produced a knife and stabbed the male multiple times in the torso. Code Compliance officers from the Metropolitan Transit System heard the fight and rushed to break it up. The two men separated and walked in different directions. The victim did not initially disclose that he was injured, but moments later, an MTS officer noticed he was bleeding and began first aid. Upon realizing the victim was injured, MTS officers began chasing the suspect on foot. The suspect was captured without incident nearby.

The deceased male has been identified as Juan Carlos Gonzalez, 25, of San Diego.

Bobby Graciano, 27, has been arrested for manslaughter and other associated charges.

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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