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**Arrest Made in Emerald Hills Homicides**

**San Diego** – On Sunday, May 31, 2020, at 9:54 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received several 911 calls regarding a shooting in the area of 5200 Lenox Drive. When officers arrived, they found two men who had sustained apparent gunshot wounds. Both men were transported to local hospitals for treatment. One male underwent surgery for a non-life threatening gunshot wound. The second male underwent emergency surgery, however, he succumbed to his injuries on June 7, 2020. The deceased male was identified as Arif Abdalla, 28, of San Diego.

During the course of the investigation, Detectives learned the suspects were also responsible for an earlier shooting incident at an occupied dwelling at 2600 Curlew Street in the Park West area.

On Sunday, May 9, 2021, just before 10:30 a.m., members of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department were in Emerald Hills Neighborhood Park when they were contacted by a male requesting a welfare check on a female in a vehicle at 5600 Bethune Court at the entrance to the park. As they approached the vehicle, the Fire-Rescue Department personnel saw there were apparent bullet holes in the windshield and the female was unresponsive. There were visual signs the female was obviously deceased and they called the San Diego Police Communications Center to report the situation. The female has been identified as Tamara Dorena Shellum, 44, of San Diego. She is the registered owner of the vehicle she was found in.

On May 26, 2021, San Diego Police Detectives arrested Kenneth Earl Brooks, 21, of San Diego, for the murders of Arif Abdalla and Tamara Shellum and other related crimes.

There are gang allegations attached to each of these crimes. The District Attorney's Office is currently reviewing these cases, which are still an on-going investigation. We will not be making any further comments or providing additional information at this time.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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