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**Police Investigate Homicide in Mira Mesa**

**San Diego** – At 7:03 a.m. on June 18, 2021, the San Diego Police Department Communications Center received a 911 call to check the welfare of a male covered in blood acting erratically in the 7800 block of Burlington Way. When the officers arrived, they detained the man in front of a residence he was associated with. The officers checked the residence and found a deceased male inside with traumatic injuries to his upper body.

Investigators from the San Diego Police Homicide Unit were called to the scene to investigate. It appears the men involved in this incident were friends. It is unknown what prompted the assault. The deceased male lived in the house and the suspect was his guest.

The deceased man has been identified as 47 year-old Robert Lizotte.

The male who was initially detained has been identified as 39 year-old Juan Ortega. He was subsequently booked into jail for murder.

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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