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Update on Homicide in Downtown San Diego

San Diego – On Saturday, June 26, 2021, just before 3:00 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received 911 calls regarding a vehicle collision at 900 First Avenue. When officers and paramedics arrived, they found a female rendering aid to a male in the street. The officers took over first aid and realized the man had sustained trauma to his upper body. The man was transported to a local hospital but unfortunately, he did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased. His female companion was also transported to the hospital for minor injuries as a result of the crash. A 14 year-old female pedestrian was also transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries to her foot caused by flying debris from the collision.

Investigators from the Homicide Unit were called to the scene. As the investigation continues, detectives have learned the victim had been involved in a traffic dispute at 300 Market Street with another driver. A fight ensued between the two men, which was eventually broken up. The suspect drove away in an unknown direction. The victim and his female companion also drove away. As the victim was driving, he realized he had been injured and began to lose consciousness. He eventually collided with a light pole, a tree and a power box at 900 First Avenue.

The suspect is described as a light-skinned male, possibly Asian or Hispanic, with dark hair and a stocky build. He is between 25-40 years old and was wearing a dark t-shirt and shorts to the knee. He was driving a silver 4-door car, similar to a Honda Civic.

The victim has been identified as Yacoub Abdallah, 33, a resident of Midlothian, Illinois. We are not releasing the names of the other injured parties.

Witnesses reported seeing a red car, possibly a Dodge, at the scene. Detectives have determined the driver of that vehicle was not involved in the altercation, but may have witnessed or video-recorded the incident. Detectives also believe that others witnessed and video-recorded the fight at 300 Market Street. 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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