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**Police Investigate Homicide Near Chicano Park**

**San Diego** – At 10:08 p.m. on July 19, 2021, the San Diego Police Communications Center received a 911 call of a possible shooting at 2000 National Avenue, adjacent to Chicano Park. When the officers arrived, they found a group of community members placing a male in the back of a pickup truck. The officers discovered the man had sustained obvious trauma to his torso and was unresponsive. The officers began life-saving efforts and the man was transported by San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel to a local hospital. Unfortunately, the man did not survive his injury and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

A large group of people began to gather, upset about the incident. Additional police resources had to be called to protect the crime scene. Investigators from the San Diego Police Homicide Unit were called to the scene to investigate. Little is known about the circumstances leading to the man's death. Although there was a group of people gathered in the park at the time, no pertinent witnesses have come forward. Investigators are still in the process of gathering evidence and attempting to locate witnesses.

The man has been identified, but his name is not being released at this time. He is described as a 19 year-old Hispanic male.

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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