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Update on Homicide Investigation in Otay Mesa West

San Diego – On November 25, 2021, at 11:29 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call regarding a possible hit and run traffic collision involving a vehicle and a bicycle at 3700 Arey Drive in the Otay Mesa West neighborhood.

When officers from Southern Division arrived, they located an injured male down in the roadway next to a bicycle. Paramedics transported the male to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The male is now identified as Octavio Mendoza, described as a 40-year-old Hispanic male.

San Diego Police Traffic Detectives responded to investigate and gathered information indicating the traffic collision may have been intentional. In an abundance of caution, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to investigate. At this point, Detectives do believe the collision was an intentional act, and are investigating the case as a homicide.

Detectives are still seeking to interview people who were at the Silverwing Recreation Center baseball fields that may have witnessed the collision. The vehicle that was involved may have been a light-colored SUV. There is no further suspect information to release at this time.

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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