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Arrest Made in 2021 Bay Terraces Homicide

San Diego – On September 21, 2021, just after 8:00 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received multiple 911 calls regarding a shooting at 300 S. Meadowbrook Drive in a Bay Terraces apartment complex.

When officers from Southeastern Division arrived on scene, they found a male down in the parking lot with at least one apparent gunshot wound to his upper body. The officers began performing CPR until San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel arrived on scene. A large, aggressive crowd gathered and additional police resources were called to disperse the crowd so medics could attend to the injured male and to protect the crime scene. The male was transported to a local hospital, but unfortunately, he was pronounced deceased at 8:41 p.m. A second injured male came forward and was also transported to a local hospital from treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and began investigating the incident. They learned a group of young males were playing basketball in the courtyard of the apartment complex when neighbors reported hearing gunfire. The group scattered and the mortally injured male was assisted away from the immediate scene to the parking lot where officers located him.

The mortally injured male has been identified as Cleo Woods, 16, of Spring Valley.

The second injured male has been identified as Rodney Barton, Jr, 14, of San Diego. He sustained non-life threatening injuries.

During the course of the investigation, the suspect was identified as a 16-year-old Black male; his name is being withheld because he is a juvenile. On Friday, February 11, 2022, the suspect was located and apprehended in Yuma, Arizona with the assistance of the Yuma Police Department. The suspect remains there pending extradition back to San Diego.

The San Diego Police Department would like to thank the Yuma Police Department for their assistance in this case.

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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