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Arrest Made in College East Murder

San Diego – On Saturday, June 25, 2022, at approximately 1:45 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a report of a male with a gunshot wound to his upper body. His friends had brought him to a local hospital for help. Medics transported the male to a second hospital for a higher level of trauma care. He has previously been identified as Kevin Burton, described as an 18-year-old Black male. Unfortunately, Burton has now passed away from his injuries. Officers from Eastern Division responded to begin the preliminary investigation.

Around the same time, officers from Mid-City Division were responding to check the area of 6400 El Cajon Boulevard based on multiple radio calls reporting gunshots. They located the scene where the victim was shot.

Due to the nature of the victim's injuries, the Homicide Unit responded to investigate. This is an ongoing investigation.

As previously released, based on preliminary information, it appears that the victim and his friends were at a party in the area of 4800 Art Street. Shortly after the victim and his friends left the party in their vehicle and turned westbound from Art Street onto El Cajon Boulevard, the victim was struck by a bullet. Detectives are still working to determine if there was some sort of altercation or incident at the party prior to the shooting.

A second bullet believed to be fired during this incident struck an apartment complex window on the south side of El Cajon Boulevard. No one was injured at the apartment complex.

During the course of the Homicide Unit's investigation, the suspect was identified. On Friday, July 1, 2022, David Rasean Vereen was located in the area of 2700 Alta View Drive and arrested. Vereen is described as a 22-year-old Black male and a San Diego resident. He was booked into County Jail for murder and shooting at a dwelling.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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