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Victim Identified in East Village Homicide

San Diego – A man was shot following an altercation in the East Village. On August 31, 2024, at about 12:49 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a report of multiple gunshots in the area of 9th Street and F Street. An officer working in the area also heard the shots and responded to the intersection. Once there, the officer located a man on the ground suffering from at least one gunshot wound. CPR was administered at the scene and the man was transported to a local hospital, but unfortunately, he did not survive. The victim has been identified as Albert Soto of Queens, New York. Soto was a sailor in the U.S. Navy stationed in San Diego and was described as an 18-year-old Black male.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene to investigate. The preliminary information gathered is that the victim had been involved in an altercation with a group of men inside a local nightclub several blocks away prior to the shooting. Detectives are working to determine if the two altercations are related. The suspects in the shooting incident were described as four Black male adults wearing mostly dark clothing last seen running eastbound on F Street. Detectives are continuing to investigate this incident, including processing the scene for physical evidence, attempting to locate and interview witnesses, and canvassing the area for surveillance footage. 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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