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Victim Identified in Homicide Near Chicano Park

San Diego – An 18-year-old Hispanic man arrived at Paradise Valley Hospital mortally injured from gunfire. It was determined the shooting occurred on the I-5 South onramp from Logan Avenue.

On September 1, 2024, at approximately 2:10a.m., a vehicle containing several men pulled into Paradise Valley Hospital. The occupants flagged down a San Diego Police Officer, who was at the hospital on an unrelated call. The men directed the officer to an occupant of the car that had been shot. The man was rushed into the hospital and CPR was initiated, but the man did not survive the shooting. Officers determined the shooting occurred on the I-5 South ramp from Logan Avenue, therefore the California Highway Patrol assumed initial responsibility for the investigation. As CHP conducted their investigation, they developed information indicating the shots were likely fired from the area of Chicano Park. Based on this knowledge, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene to continue the investigation.

Detectives have established that during the night, San Diego Police Officers from Central Division responded to three separate reports of gunfire in the area of Chicano Park: at 12:12a.m., 1:08a.m., and 2:06a.m. Nothing was found at the park during the first and third call, but during the second call, officers located multiple cartridge casings and a vehicle that had been struck by gunfire several times. 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.

The decedent has been identified as Juan Carlos Porter of National City. Porter was described as an 18-year-old Hispanic male. Detectives would be interested in any security camera footage from the area that might have captured any of the shootings. 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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