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Arrest Made in East Village Homicide

San Diego – A suspect has been arrested in the shooting/stabbing death of a man in East Village.

On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at approximately 7:39 p.m., San Diego police officers working in East Village heard what sounded like gunshots near the area of 14th Street and Imperial Avenue. They responded to that location and found a man on the sidewalk suffering from gunshot and stab wounds. The man was transported to a local hospital but unfortunately, he did not survive his injuries. The victim is described as a 53-year-old Black male. His name will not be released at this time as the County Medical Examiner has not yet positively confirmed his identity.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene to investigate. The preliminary investigation shows that a group of people were gathered on the sidewalk. There was some sort of an altercation that led to the suspect shooting the victim, then another suspect stabbing the victim. The suspects fled the scene in different directions. The suspects were described at the time as Black or Hispanic males in dark clothing.

During their investigation, detectives developed probable cause that Alex Bailey was the suspect who shot the victim. Bailey is described as a 53-year-old Black male. On September 18, 2024, at approximately 1045 hours, Bailey was arrested during a traffic stop at 2800 National Avenue. He was arrested without incident. Detectives are working to book Bailey into County Jail for murder.

This remains an ongoing investigation that is being actively investigated by detectives.

There are still multiple unidentified bystanders who were in the group that was gathered on the sidewalk at the time of the homicide. Detectives are interested in speaking to these witnesses or anyone with information regarding this active investigation. Please call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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