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Arrest Made in 2023 Mission Bay Homicide

San Diego – Following an extensive investigation, detectives have made an arrest in a 2023 Mission Bay homicide case.

On August 24, 2023, at around 5:00 p.m., a male named Eric Nelson reported he was beaten up at the North Cove at 1404 Vacation Road. Nelson took himself to a local hospital to receive treatment for his injuries. Nelson had internal injuries and injuries to his jaw and ribs. Nelson is described as a 51-year-old white male. The case was initially handled and investigated by Northern Division detectives.

Unfortunately, on September 18, 2024 (25 days after the assault), Nelson died at the hospital. The Medical Examiner determined that the manner of death was homicide, and the cause of death was blunt force injury. The Homicide Unit assumed investigative responsibility for the case.

During the course of this investigation, detectives learned that Nelson was confronted by a male at North Cove who punched and kicked him causing his injuries and ultimately his death. Detectives developed probable cause that the suspect was Lee Orozco, described as a 34-year-old Hispanic male.

On December 12, 2024, at approximately noon, Orozco was located by police at 900 Sea World Drive. He was arrested and booked into jail for murder, narcotics, and encroachment.

Anyone with information regarding this case can call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.