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Victim Identified in Hotel Circle Homicide

San Diego – Two men were shot, one fatally, outside a Hotel Circle area hotel. A suspect in the shooting was found in a vehicle in the hotel parking lot and taken into custody.

On March 3, 2025, at about 8:20 p.m., witnesses called San Diego Police Communications and reported a shooting at the Handlery Hotel, located at 950 Hotel Circle North. The suspected shooter was described as a short, heavy, Hispanic male in his thirties wearing a black shirt and initial information was that he had left the property in a vehicle.

Officers responded to the hotel and found the first victim deceased in an interior hallway. He had suffered at least one gunshot to the upper torso. He is described as a 19-year-old Hispanic man. He is now identified as Damian Martinez of El Monte, Ca.

A second victim was located outside of the lobby. He had also suffered at least one gunshot wound to his upper body. He was transported to an area hospital by medics. His injuries are not believed to be life threatening. He is described as a 23-year-old Hispanic man. His name will not be released at this time.

Based on information received at the scene, officers determined the shooter got into a dark colored F-150 truck. Officers located that truck in the hotel parking lot a short time later occupied by the male. After gathering the necessary resources, officers ordered the man out of the vehicle and took him into custody without incident. He has been identified as 29-year-old Kevin Larin of Northridge, and he has been booked into San Diego County Jail for murder. Investigators have learned that all three men work together and were in San Diego for work.

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

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