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No Charges Filed at This Time in Gaslamp Homicide

San Diego—On Saturday, August 13, 2018, at 1:59 a.m., the San Diego Police Department Communications Center received a 911 call reporting a shooting at 5th Avenue and Market Street. San Diego Police Officers arrived and found a 33-year old male with at least one apparent gunshot to the upper body being tended to by good Samaritans. The officers took over life-saving efforts until being relieved by San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel. Despite the efforts to save the victim's life, he was pronounced deceased at the scene at 2:20 a.m.

Based on information provided by witnesses, patrol officers located two subjects believed to have been involved in the shooting leaving the area in a taxi. They were transported to San Diego Police Headquarters for questioning.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are investigating the incident. From their initial investigation, detectives have learned the victim and a companion had an altercation with at least one other group of males in the 500 block of 5th Avenue. That altercation quickly escalated, resulting in the shooting. The San Diego Police Department appreciates the assistance of citizens coming to the aid of the victim and providing timely information which led to the identification of possibly involved parties. The shooting occurred during a busy time in the Gaslamp area and it is believed there are many witnesses who have not yet come forward. Anyone who has information regarding the incident is urged to contact the San Diego Police Department.

The victim has been identified as 33 year-old Joseph Aaron Holtz.

As a result of information developed during the initial investigation, 23 year-old Jonathan Hernandez was subsequently arrested and booked for murder. The investigation has been ongoing and new information was recently developed. After discussing the developments with the District Attorney's Office, no charges will be filed at this time pending further investigation.

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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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