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PRESS CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Double Homicide Investigation

On October 28, 2022, at about 11:35 PM, NCPD received numerous 911 calls regarding shots fired followed by two persons down in the 1800 block of East 17th Street. Officers arrived on scene and performed lifesaving efforts on two victims who were struck by gunfire. The victims were rushed to local trauma centers by ambulance. Sadly, both victims died while at the hospital. The victims, 18-year-old Edwin Barrera and 16-year-old Gillian Aguilera, had been attending a Halloween party at a residence before the incident. Detectives have been continuously investigating this homicide since it occurred and believe there were more witnesses on scene who have not yet been identified or interviewed.

Detectives have interviewed several witnesses regarding this investigation. Evidence recovered during the investigation, to include witness statements, have revealed that other people were there and witnessed the incident. Those witnesses have not been identified and have not come forward yet. Detectives believe the additional witnesses may have video evidence that could aid in solving the crime.

Double Attempt Homicide Investigation

On February 4, 2023, at about 22:05 PM, NCPD officers responded to 2531 East Plaza Boulevard to investigate a report of two subjects who had been shot. Officers arrived on scene and located 20-year-old Michael Porter and 17-year-old Ismael Astorga suffering from life-threatening gunshot wounds to their heads. Video surveillance captured a gray sedan fleeing the area after the shooting. Witnesses were able to provide details of the suspected shooter. Composite sketches of the shooting suspect were also completed. The shooter was described as being a Hispanic or White male, approximately 18 years old, 5'6" to 5'7" tall, 135 pounds, with dark hair. Detectives obtained video evidence as well as witness statements regarding this investigation. The video evidence showed a suspect vehicle that has not been identified. The witness testimony produced a suspect sketch which has been released via a public information bulletin.

Family members for all victims in the above detailed cases were present at the conference and sought the public for assistance as well. Anyone who may have information or videos related to this investigation are encouraged to contact the National City Police Department Investigations Division at 619.336.4457. If you wish to remain anonymous, please visit <https://www.sdcrimestoppers.org/> and submit an anonymous tip or call San Diego Crime Stoppers at 888.580.8477.

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