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Victim Dies Following Shooting in La Mesa

On April 24th, 2021, at approximately 12:26AM, the La Mesa Police Department received several 9-1-1 calls reporting gunshots in the area of 4300 Echo Court in La Mesa. Responding officers arrived within four minutes and located one gunshot victim inside the residence at 4306 Echo Court #A. The victim, a 22-year-old male resident of the apartment, was unresponsive and had gunshot wounds to the chest and neck areas. Officers administered CPR to the victim until paramedics arrived and transported him to Sharp Memorial Hospital. Unfortunately, the victim succumbed to his injuries and died during surgery at the hospital.

According to witnesses that were inside the apartment, the victim was shot when he answered an unexpected knock at the door. Upon opening the door, the victim encountered two suspects, both black male adults wearing ski masks and black hooded sweatshirts. One of the suspects immediately opened fire, firing three shots, two of which struck the victim. The suspects then fled on foot southbound on Echo Court and then eastbound on Echo Drive. There is no further information regarding the suspects or a known motive for the shooting available at this time. The identity of the victim is not being released at this time.

This case has been assigned to the La Mesa Police Department's Investigations Division. If anyone has information regarding this crime, they are asked to contact the La Mesa Police Department at (619) 667-1400 or lamesatips@cityoflamesa.us. They may also call Crime Stoppers' anonymous toll-free tip line (888) 580-TIPS (or visit www.sdcrimestoppers.com). They can remain anonymous, and be eligible for a Crime Stoppers reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case.

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