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Victim Dies Following Shooting at Motel in La Mesa Suspect in Custody

On September 10th, 2021, at approximately 9:38PM, the La Mesa Police Department received several 9-1-1 calls reporting multiple gunshots at the Heritage Inn, 7851 Fletcher Parkway, in La Mesa. Responding officers arrived within four minutes and located one gunshot victim lying in the parking lot on the east side of the motel. The victim, a 32-year-old male guest of the motel, was unresponsive and had gunshot wounds to the chest, neck, and head. Officers administered CPR to the victim until paramedics arrived. Unfortunately, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

There were several witnesses to the shooting that were able to provide a description of the suspect and his direction of travel. Responding officers, with the assistance of the San Diego Police Department's ABLE helicopter, detained a 24-year-old male matching that description without incident in the 7900 block of Parkway Drive. A San Diego Sheriff's Department tracking dog also located a firearm in the same area. The possible suspect, later identified as 24-year-old Lorenzo Djuane Bogus of San Diego, was transported to the La Mesa Police Department for questioning and then booked into the San Diego County Jail on a charge of 187(a) PC – Murder.

The identity of the victim is not being released at this time pending notification of next of kin. There is no further information regarding a known motive for the shooting.

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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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