



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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### SYNOPSIS:

On February 16, 2019, at approximately 5:20 pm, Ramona deputies responded to assist Cal Fire regarding a structure fire at 20997 Black Canyon Road, in the community of Ramona. While responding to the scene, it was reported to deputies that a witness heard a possible gunshot and a male occupant of the residence could not be located. Cal Fire responded to the scene and extinguished the structure fire. The fire did not spread to any other structures on the property and was contained to the single residence. The Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit was contacted and responded to the address. Due to the diminished structural integrity of the residence and low light conditions, the Bomb/Arson Unit advised they would respond back to the scene to conduct their investigation the following morning. A deputy was posted at the residence for scene security until the investigation could be continued. On February 17, 2019, at approximately 8:45 am, an unidentified male adult was located on the property approximately 50 yards away from the residence. The subject was deceased and it is believed he suffered from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and responded to the scene. The Medical Examiner's Office took custody of the deceased male and will determine the cause and manner of death, as well as the positive identification of the body and notifications to the family. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

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