



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Unit

Media Information

SUBJECT: Homicide Investigation Update

LOCATION: 13460 Highway 8 Business, Lakeside

DATE/TIME: April 30, 2019 / 3:30 p.m.

VICTIM: George Hernandez, age 65 (deceased)
Elwin Ray Downs, age 65

SUSPECT: Felix Joseph Hernandez, age 50

The following information is fragmentary and has not been completely verified. It is based, in part, on hearsay and is intended for early information use rather than being a formal investigative report.

Updated Information:

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office has conducted an autopsy and determined victim's cause of death was a gunshot wound; the manner of death has been ruled a homicide. The deceased victim has been identified as sixty-five-year-old George Hernandez from Lakeside.

The second victim has been identified as sixty-five-year-old Elwin Ray Downs from Lakeside. Mr. Downs is still receiving treatment at the hospital for his injuries.

The suspect in this case, Felix Joseph Hernandez, is still in custody on charges of murder in the first degree and assault with a firearm on a person.

Information from prior press release on April 26, 2019:

On April 26, 2019, at 4:31 p.m., Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a call of a reported shooting that had occurred inside a mobile home park, located at 13460 Highway 8 Business, Lakeside. Deputies found a 65-year-old male in the parking lot of the mobile home park. He had suffered a gunshot wound to his torso. Deputies assisted the male until paramedics arrived and transported the male to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries.



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The first shooting victim said there was another victim inside of a nearby residence. Deputies checked the residence and found another 65-year-old male who was unresponsive. Deputies started life saving measures until paramedics took over. Unfortunately, life saving measures were unsuccessful and the male was pronounced deceased at 5:05 p.m.

The Sheriff's Homicide Unit responded and has assumed responsibility of the investigation.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office will notify the next of kin and perform an autopsy to determine the male's cause and manner of death.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Unit at (858) 285-6330/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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