



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Detail

Media Information

SUBJECT: Homicide Investigation Update (#2)

LOCATION: 24478 Del Amo Road, Ramona

DATE/TIME: January 3, 2018 / 12:07 p.m.

VICTIM: Samantha Hayes Banegas

SUSPECT: Bryan Hinkle

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.

On Wednesday, January 3, 2017, just after 12:00 p.m., deputies from the Ramona Sheriff's Substation responded to a 911 call regarding unknown trouble at 24478 Del Amo Road in Ramona. The caller told dispatchers there was a murder and a suicide at that address, then hung up. The caller has not been identified. When deputies arrived, they found an adult female, later identified as twenty-two-year-old Samantha Hayes Banegas of El Cajon, deceased at that location. They also found an adult male, later identified as thirty-five-year-old Bryan Hinkle of Ramona, nearby with a serious wound. Hinkle was airlifted to a local hospital for treatment, and did not survive his injury. The Sheriff's Homicide Detail was called to the scene and has assumed investigative responsibility. The case is being investigated as a homicide. A weapon was recovered at the scene.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office completed the autopsies of both Samantha Banegas and Bryan Hinkle. Preliminary results have been released. Samantha Banegas' cause of death has been ruled a gunshot wound and the manner of death, a homicide. Bryan Hinkle's cause of death has been ruled a gunshot wound and the manner of death, a suicide.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Detail at (858) 974-2321/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 and be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information.

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