



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Unit

Media Information

SUBJECT: Update in Lemon Grove Homicide Investigation

LOCATION: 7400 block of Pacific Avenue, Lemon Grove

DATE/TIME: September 7, 2018 / 12:08 a.m.

VICTIM: Christopher Truax Jr., age 21

SUSPECT: Unknown

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 victim has been identified as twenty-one-year-old Christopher Truax Jr. Christopher is from Horseheads, New York, but was an active duty United States Marine Corps Sergeant, stationed at Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar. We are including Christopher's photo on page two of this release in the hopes that anyone with information about this crime may recall seeing him and will call detectives to help solve his murder.

Information from prior press release on September 7, 2018:

Just after midnight today, Lemon Grove sheriff's deputies saw a man and woman inside a vehicle parked in middle of the street, in the 7400 block of Pacific Avenue, in the City of Lemon Grove. When the deputies investigated, they found the man bleeding from what a witness described as a gunshot wound. Deputies called for Lemon Grove Fire Department personnel to assist and began providing first aid. The man was seriously injured and soon stopped breathing. Deputies performed CPR until relieved by fire department personnel. Despite lifesaving efforts, the man was pronounced deceased at about 12:39 a.m.



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 and be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

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