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Suspicious Death in the Mission Valley East Area

San Diego – A man was found dead behind the Hazard Center Food 4 Less.

On September 26, 2024, at approximately 7:26 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a report of an unconscious male on the east side of the Food 4 Less Grocery Store, located at 7730 Hazard Center Drive. Officers from Eastern Division responded to the location with medics and rendered first aid, but unfortunately the man did not survive. Based on items found at the scene, the death was initially believed to be due to an overdose. However, as patrol officers investigated further, they developed information leading them to believe the man had been assaulted. Out of an abundance of caution, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene to investigate. They will be working with the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office to determine injuries and the exact cause of death.

Detectives are still in the process of examining physical evidence from the scene and canvassing the area for surveillance footage. The decedent is described as a 25-year-old Black man. His name will not be released at this time pending family notifications.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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