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Update on Fiesta Island Case

San Diego – An off-duty officer from the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Police Department fatally shot a man who stabbed him multiple times.

On Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at approximately 10:03 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call of a stabbing at Fiesta Island. Officers from Northern Division were dispatched. Upon arrival, they located two men at the location. One of them had been stabbed. One of them had been shot.

The male who had been stabbed was identified as an off-duty officer who has worked for SDCCD Police for 25 years. He was rushed to a local hospital with multiple stab wounds to his upper torso. His injuries are considered serious, however he is expected to survive. The officer has been released from the hospital after several days of care. The officer is now identified as Victor Bocaya.

The male who was shot was identified as a 41-year-old white male. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. He is now identified as Brian Maloney III.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to respond. The information gathered is that Officer Bocaya arrived at the location to walk his dogs at Fiesta Island. Shortly after he parked, he went to the rear passenger door of his vehicle to remove his dogs. Maloney was near his van parked approximately 75 feet away from where Bocaya parked. Before Bocaya could get his dogs out, Maloney began yelling at him and then approached him. This occurred on the sand between the water and the road on Fiesta Island. Officer Bocaya displayed his badge and identified himself as a police officer. Officer Bocaya took out his cell phone to call the police.

Maloney then began stabbing Officer Bocaya with a knife which was later located on the sand near Maloney. Officer Bocaya pulled out a firearm and shot Maloney one time. Officer Bocaya then ran back to his car and called 911. The firearm was determined to be his personal weapon.

While the officer was off-duty at the time of this incident, this is being investigated as an officer-involved-shooting as Officer Bocaya produced his badge and identified himself as a police officer.

Carrying this case as an officer-involved-shooting prompts external oversight and transparency. These investigations are extremely thorough, as is the review process. When Homicide completes its investigation, it will be reviewed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to determine if the officer bears any criminal liability for his actions. SDCCD Police Department will conduct an administrative investigation into the officer's discharge of his firearm. The Federal Bureau of Investigations and the United States Attorney's Office will also be monitoring the investigation.

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

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