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## **Unknown Suspect Wanted for a Homicide**

## Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

September 3, 2021

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the El Cajon Police Department's Major Crimes Unit are asking assistance from the public to help identify and locate the suspect(s) who is responsible for a homicide that occurred in the City of El Cajon.

On August 22, 2021 at about 11:21 P.M., the El Cajon Police Department received a 9-1-1 call to report a stabbing that had occurred in the 400 block of Graves Ave., El Cajon, CA. When officers' arrived to the scene, they located 54-year-old Patrick Heard in front of an apartment complex. Heard was not responsive and had a knife inflicted wound to his throat. The officers' rendered aid to Heard until paramedics arrived. Heard was transported to the hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

The motive for the attack is unknown. No suspect(s) have been identified or located at this time. The investigation is still active and ongoing.

## **Suspect's Description:**

The suspect was described as a 6'0 tall male, medium build with a black hoodie sweater, dark jeans and baseball cap.

\*\*\* A photo of the victim can be found on page 2 of this release. \*\*\*

Anyone with information regarding the homicide is asked to call or email Detective Johns of the El Cajon Police Department's Major Crimes Unit at (619) 593-5779 or jjohns@elcajon.gov or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Visit <a href="www.sdcrimestoppers.org">www.sdcrimestoppers.org</a> for information on how to send web or mobile app tips.

- Media inquiries about the case can be directed to El Cajon Police Department Lieutenant Randy Soulard at (619) 593-5767.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at msherring@pd.sandiego.gov or Deputy Marcial Lopez at (619) 531-1547 or email at marcial.lopez.@sdsheriff.org.

## Photo of Patrick Heard (Victim):



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