

CRIME & PUBLIC SAFETY

Suspect arrested in P.B. slaying

SAN DIEGO — Police arrested a man in connection with the fatal shooting of another man after a violent fight inside a Pacific Beach condominium late Sunday, a spokesperson said Monday.

Officers went to the condo on Chalcedony Street near Jewell Street around 10:15 p.m. after someone called to report two men were fighting inside, with the call updated to say one of the men had been shot, homicide Lt. Jud Campbell said.

Officers found a man just outside the condo who was carrying a firearm. Police detained and later arrested the man, whom they identified as Richard Herrman, 31, on suspicion of murder and weapons charges, Campbell said.

Inside the condo, officers found the 51-year-old victim wounded in a bedroom. Officers and paramedics rendered aid but the man could not be revived.

Campbell said investigators believe the men knew each other and either both lived at the condo or previously stayed there.

Police asked anyone with information about the shooting to call the Homicide Unit at 619-531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

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Profane language PAINTED on church

SAN DIEGO — Police detectives are investigating after parishioners at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral arrived for services Sunday morning to find profane language spraypainted on the church's walls and doors.

The black paint covered much of the outside of the building's stucco and included crosses and profanity followed by the word "Christ." Church officials said Monday that the police Hate Crimes unit is investigating.

Susan Jester, a spokesperson for the church, said Monday that the church has had incidents of graffiti and tagging before but nothing to the level the congregation of about 400 members experienced Sunday.

"We've never had anything specifically anti-Christ or anti-religious," Jester said. "Just regular tagging, but nothing with a message."

The Episcopal church, on Sixth Avenue near Olive Street, has been a landmark in the Bankers Hill area, across from Balboa Park, since it was constructed in 1951.

Church officials said they have embraced people from all over San Diego from different backgrounds, including members of the LGBTQ community in Hillcrest, asylum seekers and refugees.

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