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BUENA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATED INFORMATION

INCIDENT: Homicide, Shooting Victim

CASE #: 16-27917

LOCATION: 5989 Beach Blvd, Buena Park CA 90621

DATE/TIME: July 1, 2016 / 10:30PM

VICTIM: Maher Yousef, male 24-yrs of age, LKA La Mirada

SUSPECT: #1 – Male African American, 20's, 5-10, heavy build, brown hoodie, checkered shirt, dark pants, blue shoes.

#2 – Male African American, 20-30 yrs, 6-2, 200 lbs, shaved head, possible facial hair, striped V-neck shirt, jeans, white tennis shoes.

#3 – Male African American, 20's 5-8, thin build, dark hoodie.

SUMMARY: (Initial release)

On Friday 7/1/16 at appx 1030PM, officers from the Buena Park Police Department responded to 5989 Beach Blvd (Mobil Mini-Mart gas station, corner of Beach Blvd and Artesia Blvd), regarding a possible shooting victim. Arriving officers located a male victim near a vehicle with gunshot wounds. The victim was rushed to a local hospital in critical condition. Subjects were seen fleeing from the area on foot immediately after the shooting, but there is/are no suspect(s) in custody at this time, and subject descriptions were not immediately available. Detectives from the Buena Park Police Department responded to the scene, and the case is under investigation.

Updated information, 7/2/16, 11:45am: The victim, identified as a Maher Yousef, male 24 years of age from La Mirada, was pronounced deceased at UCI Hospital after arrival. Buena Park Police detectives are looking into the possibility of robbery as the motive for the incident. At this time, there is no suspect information or descriptions available, and the investigation is on-going.

Updated information, 7/2/16, 7:45pm: Evidence suggests victims were targeted because they work at a check cashing business. Suspect's followed the victims to the Mobile Gas at 5989 Beach Blvd in Buena Park. The driver identified as 24 year old Maher Yousef stayed in his car while his passenger exited the car and went into the Mobile Mini Mart. Three male black suspects approached Yousef while he sat in the driver seat of his car. All three brandished weapons and demanded the money. A brief struggle broke out between Yousef and one gunman from the driver window. A second hooded gunman approached the passenger side open door and shot Yousef in the head from close range. All three suspects fled the scene on foot northbound. Nothing was taken and the witness was unharmed.

Attached to this release are still surveillance images of the three suspects.

Updated information, 7/6/16, 1200pm: Detectives are releasing surveillance video of the incident which depicts the suspects in the process of the robbery, prior to the shooting. Detectives are still actively investigating leads in the incident, and they hope that with this latest video evidence, more information will come forward that will assist them in identifying and capturing these dangerous suspects. A special phone line has been established by the Buena Park Police Department to take phone calls from the public. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, they are encouraged to call **(714) 562-3969** as soon as possible.

As further details become available, this information will be released in a subsequent release. Anyone with information on this shooting is encouraged to contact the Buena Park Police Department at **(714) 562-3969**, or (714) 562-3901 and ask to be transferred to ext. 3969.

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