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### UPDATE - NOVEMBER 18, 2023 HOMICIDE AT A PASADENA PARK

**Pasadena, CA** – On November 18, 2023, at 4:10 AM, officers from the Pasadena Police Department (PPD) responded to Washington Park located in the 700 block of East Washington Blvd. regarding a ShotSpotter gunshot detection alert. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male in the park who had sustained gunshot wounds and was unresponsive. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Detectives from the Pasadena Police Department's Robbery / Homicide Unit (RHU) responded to the crime scene to initiate an immediate follow-up investigation into the shooting.

The victim was identified as **64-year-old Mickey Cooper**, a Pasadena resident.

RHU detectives quickly identified a person of interest only a few hours after the homicide. Believing this person posed an immediate threat to the public, detectives coordinated an arrest operation with members of the US Marshal's Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Taskforce, PPD SWAT, and PPD K-9 Unit.

**24-year-old Aaron Miguel Conell** was arrested without incident.

Connell, a Pasadena resident, was booked at the PPD Jail for a different and unrelated crime under Penal Code 245(a)(2) (Assault w/ a Firearm). Over the weekend, detectives pursued their investigation and obtained further evidence pertaining to the murder of Cooper. On November 20, 2023, Conell's booking charge was amended to include Penal Code 187 (Murder).

During the investigation, PPD provided extra service and security to the park. We will continue to be a presence in the community. Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 or report information anonymously by contacting "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477), via your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google Play or the Apple App Store, or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

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