North Richmond Death Still Under Investigation

On Thursday, October 17, 2019, at about 10:45 AM, Bay Station Deputy Sheriffs were dispatched to the train tracks near Parr Boulevard and Giant Road regarding a found male body.

The Richmond Police Department was already on scene. It was determined that the incident occurred in Sheriff’s Office jurisdiction. Deputies began an investigation and noticed that the man appeared to have suffered a gunshot wound.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit and the Forensic Services Division Crime Lab responded to the scene.

The victim was later identified as 40-year-old William Cody Tate of San Pablo.

On Friday, October 18, 2019, an autopsy was conducted to determine the cause of death. The Forensic Pathologist found no evidence of a gunshot wound. The cause of death for Tate is listed as blunt force trauma and the injuries are consistent with being struck by a train.

Detectives continue to investigate this matter.

Anyone with any information on this case is asked to contact the Office of the Sheriff at (925) 646-2441 or Investigation Division at (925) 313-2600. For any tips, email: tips@so.cccounty.us or call (866) 846-3592 to leave an anonymous voice message.

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For more information, please call:
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