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Last Night's Recap for Human Remains Found and 4 Alarm Fire in the Mission District

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Last night at approximately 4:14pm Officers responded to the area of 11th Street between Market and Mission regarding a suspicious package. Responding officers immediately shut down the area to vehicular and pedestrian traffic as a precautionary measure. Upon further investigation, it was discovered this package was a suitcase containing possible human/animal remains. The surrounding area was canvassed and more remains were located. The Medical Examiner has confirmed that the remains are in fact human, however it is unclear at this time if all the remains belong to one victim. 11th Street was shut down from Market to Howard, and on Mission Street from Van Ness to 10th Street. Homicide investigators are on scene handling. This incident brings San Francisco's homicide rate to 10 for 2015. Suspect description will be given once more information is available; Officers were able to obtain a preliminary distinct suspect description, however this will not be released as officers are actively attempting to locate this particular person of interest. The exact time the suitcase was brought to 11th Street is under investigation and will be released at a later time.

At approximately 6:46pm officers and firefighters responded to 3200 block of

Mission Street regarding a 3 alarm fire. Upon arriving at the scene, the building had flames coming out from the side of the building. Both fire and police immediately evacuated affected residents. Adjacent buildings were also evacuated as a precautionary measure. As firefighters were working to extinguish the flames, the fire was upgraded to a 4 alarm fire. There have been 6 people who have been transported for smoke inhalation injuries. One fatality has been confirmed, an adult male who was evacuated from the building. Aid was rendered to him at the scene but unfortunately he could not overcome his injuries. I do not have more information on his age or the nature of injuries he sustained.

The fire has been contained but is still burning. At this time it does not appear foul play/arson was a factor. The SFFD SFPD Joint Arson Task Force will determine the cause of origin once the fire has been extinguished. The area of Mission St. has been shut down from 20th/Mission to 23rd/Mission. Affected residents can obtain shelter from the Red Cross, at City College, 22nd/Bartlett in room 154. Preliminary reports from Red Cross tally the number of displaced victims at 40.

Anyone with further information for these incidents is encouraged to contact our Anonymous tip line at 415-575-4444 or our Anonymous text-a-tip line at TIP411 with SFPD at the beginning of the message.

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