

## **Lethal Fumes in Car: Apparent Suicide**

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Rancho Penasquitos — Police evacuated a Black Mountain Park parking lot Saturday after a man was found dead in his car with a sign alerting the public that his vehicle contained a hazardous gas, San Diego Police officials said.

Police said that the man intended to kill himself.

The man's vehicle was spotted in the back parking lot of the 30-acre park off Carmel Valley and Black Mountain roads, about 12:30 p.m., San Diego officer Frank Cali said. The sign, visible on the dashboard, said "Don't open. Call hazmat or 911," Cali said.

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and a hazardous materials crew handled the vehicle while officers moved people away from the parking lot.

The haz-mat team, wearing protective safety suits, opened the vehicle, which was full of lethal hydrogen sulfide gas, said fire department spokesman Maurice Luque.

Luque said the chemicals used to create the flammable, poisonous gas are commonly available. The haz-mat team neutralized the chemicals and the Medical Examiner's Office was called to take charge of the body.

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