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Officer Involved Shooting in Logan Heights

San Diego – This morning, at 7:29 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call reporting an armed robbery had just occurred at a market and liquor store at 3000 Imperial Avenue in Logan Heights. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male in his 20's with a thin build and mustache wearing a jacket and jeans. He was armed with a large knife during the robbery and was last seen on foot eastbound in the south alley toward 31st Street.

Officers responding to the call found a man who matched that description walking in the south alley of 3100 Imperial Avenue. Two officers attempted to contact the man, but he immediately reached inside his jacket, despite orders not to. The man produced a large knife in one hand and with his other hand drew and pointed what appeared to be a handgun at one of the officers. Three officers drew their service weapons and fired. The man was struck multiple times by gunfire. Officers and San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel attempted life saving measures, but the man died at the scene.

Investigators from the San Diego Police Homicide Unit were called to the scene. The investigators are in the process of collecting evidence and interviewing witnesses. While processing the scene and evidence, a knife and an airsoft pellet pistol were recovered with the man.

The man in the officer-involved shooting has been confirmed as the armed robbery suspect.

The names of the officers involved in the shooting are not being released at this time. Two of the officers were working an overtime assignment with the Neighborhood Policing Division. They have been with the department for approximately 5 years and 6 years. The third officer is assigned to Central Division and has been with the department almost 7 years.

The investigation and review process for an officer-involved shooting is extremely thorough. When the Homicide Unit completes their investigation, it will be reviewed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to determine if the officers bear any criminal liability for their actions. The Internal Affairs Unit will conduct an investigation to determine if there were any policy violations, and the Shooting Review Board will evaluate the tactics used by the officers. The Commission on Police Practices will conduct a review of the incident and provide any appropriate recommendations. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney's Office will also be monitoring the investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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