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Officer Involved Shooting in Talmadge

San Diego – At 8:50 p.m. on July 23, 2021, the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call of a possible shooting in the area of 5900 University Avenue. The caller said a man had been shot and was running away. Patrol officers arrived a short time later and found a 29-year-old man a block away who had sustained multiple gunshot wounds. He was taken to a local hospital where he underwent surgery and is listed in stable condition.

Witnesses provided a suspect vehicle description and direction of travel. The San Diego Police helicopter found a vehicle matching the description given by witnesses and directed officers into the area. The patrol officers stopped the vehicle near 54th Street and El Cajon Boulevard. Three suspects remained in the vehicle, but one individual ran from the car. Officers and the helicopter crew saw the man with a gun in his hand. He disregarded several commands to stop and drop the weapon. He was eventually confronted behind a fast-food restaurant and an officer-involved shooting occurred. Two San Diego Police Officers discharged their service weapons and the man was struck at least once. He was taken to a local hospital but succumbed to his wounds and was pronounced dead at the hospital. The firearm the man was carrying was recovered, and two additional firearms were found in the suspects' vehicle.

Investigators from the San Diego Police Homicide Unit were called to the scene. The investigators are in the process of collecting evidence from both scenes as well as interviewing the other suspects and witnesses. It also appears the suspects were involved in another shooting at 5:04 p.m. near Belmont Park. Investigators from Northern Division are investigating that incident.

The man in the officer-involved shooting has been identified, but his name is not being released at this time. He is described as a 22-year-old Hispanic male.

The names of the officers involved in the shooting are not being released at this time. They have both been with the department for approximately one year and are assigned to Mid-City Division.

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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