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# **SDPD Investigates CBP Officer-Involved-Shooting at Otay Mesa Port of Entry; Suspect In Custody for Federal Charges**

**San Diego** – A Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officer shot a man who came at him with a screwdriver. The suspect survived and was taken into custody for federal charges.

On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at approximately 10:18 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center was notified that a CBP officer was in an officer-involved-shooting at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry. The San Diego Police Homicide Unit was called to the scene to investigate the shooting.

Preliminary information is that a CBP officer located a male suspect walking on a road in a restricted area of the port of entry where a pedestrian should not be. The officer requested backup and contacted the suspect. The suspect produced a screwdriver and advanced on the officer. The male ignored commands to stop and drop the screwdriver. As the suspect continued to advance, the officer discharged his firearm multiple times. The suspect was struck in his arms, causing non-life-threatening injuries. A CBP pickup truck was also struck by gunfire. The suspect was taken into custody by CBP officers.

Detectives are working to confirm the identity of the driver. He is believed to be a Hispanic male in his 20's. He is in federal custody and under investigation by Homeland Security Investigations for assault on a federal officer.

The CBP officer involved in the shooting has been an employee of CBP for approximately 22 years. He is currently assigned as a Supervisory CBP Officer. His name will not be released at this time.

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 United States Attorney's Office to determine if the officer bears any criminal liability for his actions.

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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