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Deputy Involved Shooting in Spring Valley

Spring Valley – Deputies responded to a trespassing call with a suspect armed with a gun. After removing children from the residence where he was located, the suspect fired his gun several times and eventually walked out the front door and pointed the gun at deputies. Multiple deputies then shot the suspect.

On Friday, November 15, 2024, at approximately 3:18 p.m., the San Diego Sheriff's Office received a trespassing call at a residence in the 900 block of Leland Street. The reporting party stated that her ex-boyfriend had entered her house through the back door. He was armed with a gun and acting erratically. The reporting party stated that the ex-boyfriend was suffering from mental issues and under the influence. The reporting party also stated there were four children in the house.

When deputies responded, they met the reporting party outside and learned the children were still inside the house and suspect was in the backyard. Deputies entered the house and safely extracted the children to remove them from the danger.

At that point, deputies moved along the side of the house and attempted to contact the suspect. At approximately 4:26 p.m., the suspect fired at least two shots in the backyard. It is unknown at this point what direction the suspect fired in. At the time of the first shot, deputies were less than fifteen feet away from his location. Deputies retreated to perimeter positions on the street and the suspect re-entered the house.

Initial information gathered is that the suspect possibly fired through the front door to the street and that he came out several times and waved the gun around erratically. Detectives are still reviewing video and gathering evidence, including trajectory analysis, to determine the suspect's exact actions while inside the house, including how many times he fired and if he fired while inside the house.

At approximately 4:55 p.m., the incident concluded when the suspect exited the front door, raised his firearm up and pointed it in the direction of deputies. Seven deputies fired their weapons striking the suspect multiple times. Deputies moved up to render lifesaving aid, but the suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene. The suspect's firearm, a black semi-automatic handgun, was recovered and secured in a patrol car. No officers were injured.

The suspect has been identified but his name will not be released at this time. He is described as a 34-year-old Hispanic male.

The involved deputies were wearing body worn cameras and law enforcement helicopters were overhead during most of this incident.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to investigate per the countywide memorandum of understanding regarding officer involved shootings.

Deputy involved shooting investigations are extremely thorough, as is the review process. When Homicide completes its investigation, it will be reviewed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to determine if the officer bears any criminal liability for his actions. The San Diego Sheriff's Office will conduct an administrative investigation into the officer's discharge of his firearm. 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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