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El Cajon Sergeant Struck By Truck; Officers Shoot Suspect

El Cajon – A woman struck an El Cajon Police Sergeant with a truck, throwing him into the air, and then drove towards officers a second time in the El Cajon Police Department Headquarters parking lot on December 11, 2024, at 12:42 p.m. The woman was shot by officers during the incident. The San Diego Police Department is investigating the incident per the county protocol.

An El Cajon Police Lieutenant and Sergeant were preparing for a retirement ceremony in the El Cajon Police Department Headquarters parking lot. They were not attempting to respond to a radio call or take any enforcement action.

A woman in her 20's, who had been parked in the parking lot, drove a 2000 Toyota Tundra onto the sidewalk and attempted to run them over. The sergeant was struck and thrown into the air as he tried to run out of the way. The driver then collided with a tree.

The lieutenant called for backup. As additional officers responded, and while the sergeant was attempting to get back up, the female reversed the truck and then drove forward toward officers a second time. The sergeant and another officer (who had run from Headquarters to help) fired their duty weapons multiple times, striking the suspect, who was still seated in the truck.

Officers rendered aid until paramedics arrived and transported the suspect to the hospital. The suspect suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was ultimately pronounced deceased at the hospital. She has been identified, but her name will not be released pending family notifications.

The sergeant who fired his weapon has been employed by El Cajon Police for approximately 25 years and is currently assigned to patrol. He was transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries that he suffered when he was hit by the vehicle. He has since been released from the hospital.

The second officer who fired his weapon has been employed by El Cajon Police for approximately six years and is currently assigned to traffic division as a motor officer. The entirety of the incident was captured on surveillance video. This officer also had his body worn camera activated.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to investigate per the countywide memorandum of understanding regarding officer involved shootings. The motive for the woman's actions remains under investigation.

Officer 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 officers bear any criminal liability for their actions. The El Cajon Police Department will conduct an administrative investigation into the officer's discharge of their firearms. The Federal Bureau of Investigations 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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