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Officer-Involved Shooting in Otay Valley Regional Park

San Diego – On February 27, 2020, at around 6:00 a.m., San Diego police officers from the Neighborhood Policing Division were in the Otay Valley Regional Park to conduct an outreach and cleanup operation in conjunction with other city agencies. Two SDPD officers contacted a Hispanic man within an illegal encampment. When officers approached the man, he produced a handgun. Officers gave the man commands to get on the ground. The man then reached for the handgun and officers used their service weapons.

The man was transported to a local hospital where he underwent surgery. His wounds are considered non-life threatening at this time. Neither officer was injured. The Homicide Unit was called to the scene. Detectives recovered what appeared to be a handgun at the scene. It was later determined to be a replica firearm.

The officers involved in this incident are both assigned to the Neighborhood Policing Division. Officer Jeremy Huff has been with the department for eight years. Officer Filip Perry has been with the department for nine months.

The man involved in this incident has been identified as 70-year-old Carlos Soto.

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 Community Review Board on Police Practices will conduct a review of the incident and provide any appropriate recommendations. 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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