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Man Arrested for Shooting at Police Helicopter

San Diego – David Lowe, a 46-year-old from San Diego was placed under arrest yesterday after he used a rifle and shot at ABLE, SDPD's police helicopter. Thankfully, no one was injured and the helicopter was not hit.

On March 13, 2020, at about 10:15 p.m., San Diego Police Communications received a call from a resident regarding a possible burglary caser at 6300 Electric Avenue in the Bird Rock community. The resident called police to report that a man armed with a gun was banging on their door and making rambling statements. ABLE was the first to arrive in the area and as it circled overhead, Lowe pointed a rifle at the helicopter and fired one round. Fearing for their safety, the pilot climbed to a higher altitude and broadcast his actions. Lowe fired a second round at ABLE.

Northern Division patrol officers arrived on scene and arrested Lowe without incident. In addition to the rifle he used to shoot at ABLE, officers recovered a shotgun, other firearms and several rounds of ammunition. Lowe has been booked into County Jail for attempt murder and several counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

The Homicide Unit was called out to investigate this incident due to the fact that Lowe deliberately shot at ABLE placing not only the lives of the police officers in ABLE at risk but also the Bird Rock community had the aircraft been hit. Detectives will work to try and determine Lowe's motives.

We would like to remind everyone that firing projectiles at aircraft or pointing lasers at pilots are serious criminal acts and will be investigated thoroughly.

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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