THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego Police Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Date: November 23, 2007 (Friday)
Time: 1130 Hours

CONTACT: Lieutenant Kevin Rooney
Homicide Unit
(619) 531-2425

POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CASTLE NEIGHBORHOOD

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a domestic violence incident that began in San Marcos and ended with a fatal officer involved shooting on 41st Street in San Diego.

At 6:14 a.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a male hitting a female inside a gas station in the 4000 block of University Avenue. When officers arrived, the male suspect fled in his vehicle, with officers in pursuit. The pursuit went south on Interstate 15, then south on I-805, west on SR-54, north on I-5, and north on I-15, returning to University Avenue.

The suspect collided with a motorist in the 4000 block of University Avenue, then turned south on 41st Street and crashed into a fence on the west side of the street. Officers pulled behind the suspect and ordered him to stop. The suspect drove in reverse into the police cars, then pulled forward and crashed into the fence a second time. The suspect drove in reverse a second time and hit the police cars. One officer fired at the suspect. The suspect drove in reverse a third time, pushing the patrol cars into the middle of the street. The suspect then drove south on 41st Street on the west sidewalk. After the suspect crashed into a tree, an officer pinned his vehicle, bringing the pursuit to an end.

The suspect was transported to a trauma center, where he died at 7:16 a.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the suspect went to his former girlfriend's residence in San Marcos at approximately 3:00 a.m. and forcibly removed her from the residence. While driving around, the suspect sexually assaulted the victim. The victim asked to use the rest room at the gas station, prompting the suspect to stop. When the victim exited the rest room, the suspect placed her in a headlock, prompting the call to San Diego Police.

The suspect, a 30-year-old male, has been identified, but his name is being withheld pending family notification.

The victim's name will not be released. She is being treated at a local hospital.

The officer involved in the shooting is a 14-year veteran of the department.

###