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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CLAIREMONT MESA EAST

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred in the Clairemont Mesa East neighborhood.

On August 22, 2007, at 11:04 p.m., officers responded to a disturbance call in the 4700 block of Limerick Avenue. While investigating the disturbance, the officers noticed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, southbound on Limerick Avenue, in the northbound lanes. Sparks were coming from the right front wheel as the vehicle was missing the right front tire. One officer shined his flashlight at the car and yelled to get the driver's attention as it drove toward them. They could hear yelling coming from the vehicle as it passed. The vehicle immediately pulled over to the right curb, approximately 50 feet south of the officers.

As one of the officers approached the vehicle, the lone occupant, a white female, approximately 50 years of age, exited the car, holding a knife. The female was extremely agitated and pleaded with the officers to kill her. The officers ordered the female to drop the knife but she failed to comply. The female approached one of the officers while waving the knife in a threatening manner. Believing he was about to stabbed, the officer fired his weapon at the suspect. The suspect was shot in the right thigh and immediately fell to the ground. She was transported by paramedics to a local hospital for treatment. The wound is not considered life-threatening.

The suspect has been identified as Katherine Mackey, age 50.

The involved officer in the incident is a 10 year veteran of the Department.

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