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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LINDA VISTA

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting in Linda Vista. One officer was injured by a gunshot and the suspect was fatally wounded.

On August 7, 2007, at approximately 6:45 p.m., officers located a suspect wanted for attempted murder. The suspect was wanted in connection with the attempted murder case in Otay Mesa West that occurred on August 4, 2007. The suspect also had a no bail felony warrant for his arrest.

During a surveillance in the 6600 block of Linda Vista Road, officers saw the suspect exit an apartment complex. When he saw officers, he ran back toward the complex where he encountered an approaching uniformed officer. The suspect lifted his shirt, drew a handgun from his waistband and turned the weapon toward the officer. The officer fired his handgun at the suspect. It is unknown if the suspect fired his weapon at this time.

The suspect ran into the apartment complex, through a breezeway, then southbound through the courtyard. Two officers who were positioned at the rear of the complex saw the suspect attempting to escape through the rear exit. The suspect pointed his weapon at the officers and fired several rounds at them. Both officers returned fired, fatally wounding the suspect. During the exchange of gunfire, one officer suffered a gunshot wound. The wound is not life threatening and the officer was transported to a local hospital where he underwent surgery. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. The suspect's handgun was located next to his body.

The suspect's identity is known but his name is being withheld pending full family notification.

The three involved officers have 10, 12 and 16 years of service on the department respectively.

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