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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER AND OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN BAY TERRACES

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the shooting death of a woman on a Bay Terraces street, followed by the suspect being shot by a San Diego Police Officer.

On September 4, 2007, at 8:54 p.m., officers responded to the 6800 block of Bear River Row on a report of an armed male who had kidnapped his wife at gunpoint. Before officers arrived, the suspect forcibly removed his wife from the residence, and they were last seen on foot in the neighborhood. Officers arrived within two minutes and established a perimeter in the area where the victim and suspect were believed to be.

Officers heard a series of gunshots near a residence in the 6800 block of Panamint Row. The officers followed a narrow pathway leading to a fenced area, where they found a male and female lying on their backs. As the officers got closer, the male quickly sat up, shouted at them, and pointed a handgun at them. An officer shot the suspect. The officers checked on the female and found she was already deceased. Paramedics confirmed the woman's death and transported the suspect to a trauma unit. The suspect is expected to survive his injuries.

Neither the victim nor the suspect has been positively identified, but they are believed to be a married couple who lived on Bear River Row. The suspect is under police guard at the hospital, and he will be charged with one count of murder. The officer involved in the shooting is a 21-year veteran of the department.

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