THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego Police Department

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Man Arrested for the Attempted Murder of a Police Officer

(San Diego) At about 3:15 p.m. an officer working out of San Diego Police Department's Southeastern Division stopped his car at the curb of 6700 Imperial Avenue to initiate contact with citizens who were sitting in Widman Park. As the officer prepared to exit his black and white police car a newer white car pulled up beside him. The lone male occupant of the white car raised a gun and pointed it at the officer. Without saying a word the suspect fired at the officer, narrowly missing him, but shattering the passenger window of the police car. After the shooting, the suspect sped away and the officer gave chase and lost him in the area of 6900 Imperial Avenue.
A witness provided officers with the license number of the white vehicle and officers learned the car was rented from an agency in National City. Officers contacted the rental car agency and learned the suspect was there at that moment trying to exchange the car. Officers from Southeastern Division went to the rental car agency and took the suspect into custody.

The officer was not injured in the attack and his name will not be released at this time. The SDPD Homicide Unit is handling the investigation.

The suspect has been identified as Rahin L. Mitchell, 35 years old of San Diego. He was booked into San Diego Central Jail on attempted murder and assault charges.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call the Homicide Unit at 619 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS

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