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POLICE INVESTIGATE BORDER PATROL INVOLVED SHOOTING IN SAN YSIDRO

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting involving a member of the Border Patrol.

At approximately 3:05 a.m., agents from the United States Borer Patrol were conducting an anti-smuggling investigation at the Economy Inn Motel, located in the 200 block of Via De San Ysidro Boulevard in San Ysidro. They entered a motel room to arrest the occupants, who were believed to be involved in alien smuggling. Once inside the room, the agents found two Hispanic males inside, one lying on the floor and one lying in bed. The lead agent ordered both males to show their hands. One of the males complied while the second male did not. The agent repeatedly ordered the second male to show his hands in both English and in Spanish. The male, who was covered by a blanket, continued to defy the agent's orders and began reaching for his midsection. The agent believed the male was attempting to reach for a weapon. Fearing for his safety and the safety of his fellow agents, the agent fired one round, striking the male in the lower leg.

Agents notified paramedics and immediately began performing first aide. The suspect was transported to a local hospital for treatment of a single gunshot wound to his left leg.

The injured suspect has been identified as Martin Bahena Moreno, 35.

The agent involved in the shooting is a five year veteran of the Border Patrol.

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