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# San Diego Police Department

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## POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN TALMADGE

**San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer-involved shooting last night during which a Police Service Dog was stabbed by the suspect.**

**At 8:41 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Travelodge Motel at 5090 El Cajon Boulevard on a report of a white male threatening people with a knife. They arrived to find Patrick Gautier, 43, on the third story landing of the motel. Gautier was holding a knife in his left hand, making stabbing motions in the air. Gautier walked to the south end of the landing (which overlooks El Cajon Boulevard), raised the knife, and cursed at officers still on the ground level. An officer fired two rounds from a bean bag shotgun and struck Gautier.**

**A Canine Unit Officer and his partner, a two-year-old German Shepherd, were among the officers who went to the third floor to confront Gautier. When they made it to the third floor, Gautier was sitting on the ground with his left hand to his side, out of officers' view. The Canine Unit Officer yelled for Gautier to show his hands. Gautier quickly jumped to his feet and started running towards the officer. The officer saw Gautier holding the knife in his hand, with the blade protruding from his clenched fist. The officer yelled several times for Gautier to drop the weapon, but Gautier did not comply and continued to advance.**

**Fearing for his life, the officer released his Police Service Dog and fired one round at Gautier. The round missed Gautier, but the Police Service Dog bit Gautier. However, Gautier began to stab the dog repeatedly. The officer grabbed Gautier and stopped the attack. Gautier dropped the knife and fell to the ground, where cover officers handcuffed him.**

**The Canine Unit officer rushed his partner to an emergency medical clinic, where he is being treated for a stab wound to the ribcage and several other lacerations.**

**Gautier was transported to a local hospital for treatment of injuries received during the incident. When he is discharged from the hospital, he will be booked into County Jail for assault on a police service dog and assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer.**

**The officer involved in the shooting is a 17-year veteran of the department.**

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