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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER AND OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN EAST VILLAGE

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting that left one man dead and a second man on life support, followed by a fatal officer-involved shooting of the murder suspect.

At 2:15 a.m., officers responded to a report of a shooting in the 100 block of 16th Street. They entered the parking lot of the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and found a male down at the north end of the lot, near the 1500 'K' Street entrance. As officers requested paramedics, other officers located the suspect near the service bays of the transit facility. Officers repeatedly ordered the suspect, who was holding a handgun at his side, to drop the weapon. The male ignored their commands and made a cell phone call with his free hand. When the call was ended, the suspect lowered the phone and raised the weapon towards officers. Three officers fired at the suspect, who died at the scene.

As officers requested paramedics for the mortally-wounded suspect, MTS employees alerted officers to a second shooting victim in an office near the service bays. That victim (male) was transported to a trauma center, where he was placed on life support.

The suspect and victims are all employees of the Metropolitan Transit System. Their names are not being released pending family notification. The motive for the shootings is not known.

The shooting officers are 14, 2, and 1 year veterans of the San Diego Police Department.

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