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POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER AND OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN PARADISE HILLS

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a murder in Paradise Hills and the suspect's confrontation with police officers which ultimately led to his death.

At 8:48 a.m., police officers received a radio call of a male subject threatening suicide at 6435 Lockford Avenue, in the Paradise Hills neighborhood of San Diego. The caller stated that she was the subject's wife and that her husband was armed with a knife. Shortly after her call to police, the line was disconnected and communications personnel were unable to re-establish contact with the reporting party. Officers arrived and found a male subject looking through a window at the front door. Officers could see that the subject was armed with a knife. The subject stated that he killed his wife, and threatened to kill the officers. Officers, believing that the female was a victim of a knife attack, formulated a plan to enter the residence. Several patrol officers, supported by K9 personnel, forced entry into the home to check the welfare of the female resident. Upon their entry, the officers were met by the armed suspect who rushed towards their location inside the doorway. The K9 was deployed and the suspect immediately stabbed the service dog. The suspect then turned the knife towards the officers at which point time two patrol officers fired their service weapons, striking the suspect. The suspect fell to the ground and was later pronounced dead.

Officers continued their search for the female resident, and located her in the rear of the house suffering from apparent stab wounds. Emergency medical intervention was attempted, however the female died as a result of the attack. She was pronounced deceased at 9:38 a.m.

The deceased suspect has been identified as 51-year-old Willard Anthony Bradley. The 50-year-old victim's identification is being withheld pending complete family notification. Autopsies have been scheduled for tomorrow.

The identity of the officers involved is not being provided at this time. They are a 4-year and a 3-year veteran of the police department.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to telephone the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293.

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