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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN GASLAMP DISTRICT

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an attempted armed robbery in the Gaslamp District that resulted in an officer-involved shooting and the subsequent death of the suspect.

On Monday, August 3, at about 4:23 p.m., a male walked into the outdoor patio area of a restaurant in the 600 block of Fifth Avenue and took a large knife from one of the tables. The suspect threatened employees with the knife and walked away. The victims telephoned police and reported the crime and described the suspect. Moments later, the suspect walked into a restaurant in the 800 block of Fourth Avenue, brandished a large knife and demanded money from an employee. The suspect left the restaurant when the employee did not acknowledge the threat.

At about 4:26 p.m. uniformed San Diego Police officers located the suspect on the corner of Fourth and E Streets. One officer contacted the suspect and ordered him to stop. The suspect knelt down and took a large knife from a backpack he was carrying. The officer gave repeated commands to the suspect to drop the knife. The suspect refused and instead advanced on the officer in a menacing manner while screaming obscenities with the knife raised. The officer fired his handgun at the suspect. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.

At this time detectives are still processing the crime scene and interviewing a multitude of witnesses. The officer involved in this shooting is a seven year veteran assigned to the Gang Suppression Team.

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