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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN GRANTVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD

(San Diego) San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding an officer involved shooting which occurred early this morning in the 6400 block of Ambrosia Drive.

Today at about 1:20 a.m., a supervising officer with United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) was walking to his vehicle at the above location, having been called-out several minutes earlier to an incident at the U.S. Border. The officer was on-duty and in full uniform when he confronted two suspects breaking into a vehicle located inside of the parking structure at the above location. Upon seeing the officer, one suspect immediately fled the scene, running westbound through the complex. The officer briefly gave chase but lost sight of the suspect. He returned to the garage and saw the second suspect driving a white pickup truck westbound through the garage. The officer ordered the suspect to stop the vehicle at which point the suspect crossed over to the opposite lane and drove his vehicle directly at the officer, who was about 50 feet away from the vehicle. The officer, fearing for his life, fired one round at the driver causing the vehicle to stop immediately. The suspect was not struck by the gunfire and suffered no injuries as a result of the incident. The suspect was placed under arrest at the scene.

A description of the second suspect was provided to responding police officers. At about 2:20 a.m., the outstanding suspect was detained at Rancho Mission Road and San Diego Mission Road about one half mile from the crime scene. The officer was able to positively identify the second suspect and he was taken into custody.

The two suspects have been identified as 22-year-old Nicholas Burnthon and 23-year-old Andrew Sigsbee. Both were booked into San Diego Central Jail on one count of vehicle burglary. Burnthon was booked with an additional charge of assault on a law enforcement officer.

The officer involved in the shooting is a 21-year-veteran of United States Customs and Border Protection.

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

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