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INCIDENT WITH FEDERAL AGENTS LEAVES ONE MAN IN CRITICAL CONDITION

San Diego Police Department Homicide detectives are investigating an incident involving U.S. Border Patrol Agents, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agents, and a 32-year-old male from Mexico. The male subject is in a local hospital in critical condition.

The subject and his brother were arrested by Border Patrol Agents on Friday, May 28, 2010, at about 1920 hours for entering the United States illegally. The men were transported to a Border Patrol station in San Ysidro for processing. The subject signed a Voluntary Return Order and was transported to a Border Patrol facility at the San Ysidro Port of Entry, to be turned over to Mexican Immigration officials. His brother was scheduled to be returned to Mexico at a later time.

At the Port of Entry, the subject became violent when the agents removed the handcuffs. The agents and the subject all fell to the ground during the fight and the agents radioed for assistance. Customs and Border Protection agents came to the assistance of the Border Patrol agents and also struggled with the subject. Due to the combative behavior of the subject, an agent from Customs and Border Protection use a Taser to subdue him.

Shortly after the deployment of the Taser, the subject stopped breathing. The agents immediately administered CPR and requested paramedics. The subject was transported to a local hospital where he is in extremely critical condition and not expected to survive.

The name of the subject and his brother are not being released at this time, pending notification of their family. The brother is still in custody locally.

As a matter of policy, the names of the agents will not be released at this time. Any questions regarding the agents should be directed to their respective agencies.

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