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## San Diego Police Department

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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER AND OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING**

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a murder inside a Colina Del Sol residence that ended with officers fatally shooting the suspect.

This morning, at 7:38 a.m., a citizen reported that a man had shot his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend inside 4339 Winona Avenue. Officers established phone contact with the female occupant of the residence and learned there were four people inside, including a person who had been shot. As officers evacuated adjoining residences and requested the SWAT Unit, they heard more gunshots inside.

Before the SWAT team arrived, officers formulated an entry plan and approached the residence. The female came outside, still holding the telephone. The suspect stood in the doorway, holding a handgun at his side, and ignored officers' commands to drop the weapon and exit the residence.

The suspect backed into the residence, and officers heard several gunshots. Believing the suspect was firing at them (later confirmed by a bullet hole in a window next to the front door and a projectile recovered from a home just north of the front door), an officer returned fire. The suspect fell to the ground, but he pointed the gun towards officers as he tried to raise himself. Two officers fired additional rounds at the suspect until he no longer posed a threat to them or the other occupants of the residence. A handgun was recovered near the suspect's body.

Paramedics transported the victim and suspect to trauma centers. The suspect died at 9:22 a.m., and the victim died at 10:02 a.m. The victim has been tentatively identified as a 64-year-old white male, and the suspect has been tentatively identified as a 68-year-old white male. Their names will not be released until family members have been notified.

The officers involved in the shooting are 28 and 21-year veterans of the department.

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