

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego Police Department

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Homicide

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POLICE INVESTIGATE AN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred at 1:00AM on July 8, 2010, at the intersection of SanVicente and Carlsbad Streets in the Lomita area.

A patrol officer made a traffic stop at the listed location when the driver abruptly stopped in the middle of the intersection and exited his vehicle. The subject did not follow the directions given by the officer and a struggle ensued. The officer deployed a Taser to control the subject, but he was able to remove one of the barbs and run from the officer. The officer requested cover and pursued the subject on foot.

A second struggle occurred a short distance away and the officer used his baton in an attempt to subdue the subject. The suspect was able to break away from the officer and run back toward their vehicles. The officer caught up with the subject and another struggle occurred. Witnesses heard the officer yelling at the suspect, "Get off me." During the struggle the officer fired one shot, striking the subject in the pelvic area.

The subject was transported to a local trauma center where he is in surgery, in critical condition. The subject is 27 years old. His name is being withheld until his family has been notified.

The officer is a 7 year veteran, assigned to the Southeastern Division.