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## San Diego Police Department

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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE FATAL OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LOGAN HEIGHTS**

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an incident at a Logan Heights apartment complex that ended with a fatal officer involved shooting.

Last night, at 10:25 p.m., officers were called to a violent disturbance at an apartment complex in the 3000 block of Martin Avenue. The reporting party told SDPD Communications, a Hispanic male hit his friend in the face and was now armed with a knife, threatening residents inside one of the apartments.

Two officers arrived and could hear screaming for help and a commotion in one of the apartments on the second floor. As they climbed the stairs and approached the front door of the apartment, the suspect opened the door, holding a large kitchen knife in his right hand. The officers ordered the suspect to drop the weapon, but he ignored their commands. The suspect raised the knife in a threatening manner and walked out of the apartment, onto a small landing at the top of the stairs, toward the officers.

Both officers fired their weapons at the suspect. The suspect collapsed, falling back into the doorway of the apartment and died at the scene. He appears to be approximately 30 years-old, but has not been positively identified.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that there was an altercation between the residents of one apartment and the suspect, who lived next door. The suspect assaulted a young man in one of the apartments by hitting him in the face. The suspect left the apartment, went to his own apartment and armed himself with a large kitchen knife. The suspect returned to the apartment and was threatening to kill the residents when the officers arrived. One resident, a 37 year-old male, resorted to jumping out of a second floor window, to avoid being stabbed. He suffered severe injuries to his legs and ankles. He was transported by paramedics and admitted to a local hospital.

The officers involved in the shooting are assigned to Central Division and are both two year veterans of the department.

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