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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN NESTOR NEIGHBORHOOD

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a shooting in a Nestor apartment complex involving an off-duty San Diego Police Officer.

Last night, at approximately 9:35 p.m., an off-duty San Diego Police Officer heard noises outside his apartment in the 1900 block of Avenida Del Mexico. When he looked outside, he saw two males carrying his motorcycle to the back of a dark minivan. The officer armed himself and ran outside.

The officer confronted one of the males, identified himself as a police officer, and ordered the male to get on the ground. The male dropped to one knee, then looked alternately at the officer and at the minivan, whose brake lights were illuminated. The suspect stood up and walked towards the officer, grabbing at him. The officer pushed the suspect away, and the suspect walked off. The officer followed him, continually identifying himself and ordering the suspect to get on the ground.

The suspect stopped, then walked back towards the officer, cursing and grabbing at him. The officer again pushed the suspect away to maintain a safe distance between them. The suspect hit the officer, then turned and placed both hands inside the midsection of his jacket. Believing the suspect was arming himself, the officer fired his weapon and struck the suspect. The suspect walked away, and the officer called 9-1-1 and followed him until responding units took him into custody.

The minivan (and the officer's motorcycle) disappeared during the incident. The stolen motorcycle is a 2008 black Yamaha R1 bearing California license plate RAVEN1K. The dark-colored minivan was last seen northbound on Interstate 5 from Palm Avenue, occupied by two males.

The suspect has been identified as Eduardo Gonzalez, 28. He is being treated at a local hospital for a wound that is not considered life-threatening. When he is healthy enough to be discharged, he will be booked into County Jail for auto theft.

The officer involved in the shooting is a 3 ½ year veteran of the department, currently assigned to Southeastern Division.

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