



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego Police Department

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SAN DIEGO POLICE RELEASE NAME OF OFFICER INVOLVED IN HILLCREST SHOOTING

On Friday, January 1, 2016, at approximately 10:36 p.m., a San Diego Police Officer attempted to stop Joshua Sisson at 4200 6th Avenue. He was believed to have been involved in a Domestic Violence Incident in the 500 block of Lewis Street. When the officer gave commands to “stop,” Sisson turned and pointed a large kitchen knife at the officer in an aggressive stance. In defense of his life, the officer shot Sisson once in the chest as he advanced toward the officer.

Sisson was transported to the hospital but died in the early morning of Saturday, January 2, 2016.

Additional follow-up investigation revealed Sisson had an outstanding felony parole warrant for his arrest.

The shooting officer has been identified as Richard Butera, a 13-year veteran of the San Diego Police Department.
