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**Harbor Police Officer-Involved Shooting in the Marina District**

**San Diego** – On March 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., a Port of San Diego Harbor Police officer saw a black sedan commit a traffic violation at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Harbor Drive. The officer initiated a traffic stop and contacted the driver near 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Harbor Drive. The officer believed the driver was possibly impaired and asked him to exit his vehicle for further evaluation. As the driver exited his car, he produced a handgun and immediately opened fire on the officer, forcing the officer to return fire with his service weapon. Several responding units arrived on scene and the male was taken into custody without further incident. Neither the officer nor the male was injured, however a pedestrian in the area later reported being struck in the buttocks by a stray bullet. An object in the male's pocket prevented the bullet from actually breaking his skin, however, he was transported to a local hospital for evaluation where he was treated and released.

The San Diego Police Homicide Unit was called to the scene to conduct the officer-involved shooting investigation. Detectives have recovered a firearm at the scene.

The identity of the man is not being released at this time. He is a 29 year-old Hispanic male.

The name of the officer involved in this incident is not being released at this time, but he has been a member of the Port of San Diego Harbor Police for over 3 years.

The investigation and review process for an officer-involved shooting are extremely thorough. When the Homicide Unit completes its investigation, it will be reviewed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to determine if the officer bears any criminal liability for his actions. The Port of San Diego Harbor Police will be assisting in the investigation and will conduct an administrative investigation into the officer's discharge of his firearm. The Federal Bureau of Investigations and the United States Attorney's Office will also be monitoring the investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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