



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## San Diego Police Department

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**Homicide Unit**

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### **SAN DIEGO POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN O'FARRELL**

On Wednesday, May 11, 2016, San Diego Police Officers were in the area of 100 Pagel Place, checking on a residence known for narcotics and weapons activity. At approximately 9:30 p.m., a silver Acura left the target residence. The Acura began driving rapidly away from the officers and police followed the vehicle. The vehicle attempted to evade the officers and they later became aware the vehicle was reported stolen out of Carlsbad. The suspect vehicle failed to yield to the police and a police vehicle pursuit ensued. The suspect attempted to flee through adjacent streets and eventually came back to the 100 block of Pagel Place. The pursuit ended when the suspect vehicle struck a parked car on Pagel Place. Officers exited their vehicle and began a high-risk vehicle stop. At that time, the driver of the Acura placed the vehicle in reverse and drove towards the officers. Two of the officers narrowly escaped being struck. In defense of their life, four officers fired multiple rounds at the driver to stop the threat of the moving vehicle. The driver of the stolen Acura was struck several times by gunfire. Medics responded and attempted life saving measures on the injured driver. Despite their efforts, the driver of the stolen vehicle died at the scene.

Homicide, Traffic Division and Crime Lab personnel are collecting evidence and investigating the scene where the vehicle collisions and shooting took place. The shooting officers in this incident range from 2 to 5 years with the San Diego Police Department.

The deceased driver of the stolen vehicle is identified as 30-year-old Thongsoune Vilaysane of San Diego.

Footage of the shooting was captured on the officer's Body Worn Cameras.

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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