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**Colina Del Sol Neighborhood Officer Involved Shooting – La Mesa Police
Department Detective**

On Thursday, July 20, 2017 a homicide occurred on the 7900 block of El Cajon Boulevard in the City of La Mesa. In that case, the victim was shot and killed by a suspect armed with a handgun. Since that time, detectives from the La Mesa Police Department (LMPD) have been working to identify and apprehend the suspect. A suspect was subsequently identified and probable cause was established to arrest that person.

On Tuesday July 25, 2017, LMPD detectives received information that the suspect was in the area of 4300 Altadena Avenue in the City of San Diego. A surveillance of the area was conducted and the suspect was located on 4300 Altadena Ave. A LMPD detective confronted him and ordered him to the ground numerous times. He did not comply and began to walk towards the detective while concealing both hands within his waistband. The detective continued to give commands to the suspect to show his hands and get down on the ground. The suspect ignored the commands and fearing for his safety and the safety of the public, the detective fired several rounds from his handgun at the suspect, missing him. The suspect fled through the grounds of the apartment complex but was captured and arrested a short distance away by other officers on scene. Neither the suspect nor any officers were injured during the incident.

The suspect has been identified as Derrick Eli Henderson, 30 years old of San Diego. Henderson was subsequently booked into County Jail for murder.

The detective has been identified as a 10 year veteran of the La Mesa Police Department.

The San Diego Police Department has investigative responsibility for all officer involved shootings occurring with the City of San Diego. The SDPD Homicide Unit is charged with

conducting those investigations. SDPD Homicide Unit detectives responded to the scene and are conducting an investigation into the shooting. No SDPD personnel were attached to the group involved with locating and taking the suspect into custody.

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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