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Deputy Involved Shooting in the Park West Neighborhood

San Diego—On Friday, August 4, 2017, at approximately 7:50 a.m., two uniformed San Diego County Sheriff's Deputies were serving an eviction at an apartment on the 2000 block of 2nd Avenue. After identifying themselves and announcing they were serving an eviction, the suspect began yelling at the deputies through a locked security door. During this time, the suspect threatened to kill the deputies. The deputies forced the security door open and as they were entering the apartment, the suspect threatened to get a firearm and shoot them. As the deputies entered the apartment's living room, the suspect ran into his bedroom. He returned holding what the deputies believed was a semi-automatic handgun. As he moved the handgun in their direction, both deputies fired several rounds from their department issued handguns. The suspect retreated back into his bedroom.

The deputies contacted the suspect in his bedroom and found the suspect had been shot several times. They began giving the suspect medical aid and called for paramedics. The suspect was transported by paramedics to Mercy Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The suspect has been identified as a 47-year old black male who lived in the apartment and was the individual being evicted. The decedent's name will not be released until family members have been notified.

The San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit responded to the scene and will conduct the Officer Involved Shooting Investigation. During a search of the suspect's apartment, homicide investigators found a semi-automatic handgun replica inside the suspect's bedroom. The replica appears to be either a BB air pistol or an Airsoft pistol.

The involved deputies are a seventeen year veteran and a nine year veteran of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

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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