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San Diego Police Investigate an Officer Involved Shooting in Barrio Logan Neighborhood

On Friday January 12, 2018, at 7:06 a.m., the San Diego Police Department Communications Center received a call from a citizen stating he was following a known stolen vehicle. The caller described the vehicle as a work type pickup truck which was traveling east bound on Harbor Drive in the area of the Convention Center. At the same time, a Harbor Police Department officer arrived and initiated a stop of the vehicle. The driver failed to yield and a pursuit ensued. San Diego Police Department officers were nearby and quickly responded to assist the Harbor PD officer. The first SDPD officer to arrive joined in the pursuit which proceeded on to 1300 Samson St.

While on Samson St, the suspect driver stopped momentarily in the traffic lane. The two officers got out of their cars to make contact with the suspect driver. A second SDPD officer arrived to assist with the stop. The driver started forward again and made a u-turn and was now driving directly at the officers. The Harbor PD officer quickly moved away from his open driver's door and out of the path of the oncoming truck. The driver of the truck collided with the rear driver side of the police car before continuing forward towards the SDPD officer. The SDPD officer got back into his vehicle to get out of the path of the truck. The driver swerved and drove between the two police cars and onto the sidewalk. Fearing for his safety, the SDPD officer fired several rounds at the driver. The driver continued northbound on the sidewalk.

As the vehicle drove by the officer, the second arriving SDPD officer fired several rounds at the fleeing driver. The driver continued to Harbor Drive and turned west bound. The officers on Samson St. resumed their pursuit of the driver. The driver ultimately collided with a traffic control device at Cesar Chavez Parkway. The driver ran from the vehicle but was captured a short distance from the collision scene. The driver has been identified as 32 year old Jessica Turner of San Diego.

The officers began to administer first aid to Turner who had been injured in the collision. Paramedics and San Diego Fire and Rescue arrived and continued medical care. Turner was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Turner was not hit by the gunfire. No officers were injured.

The SDPD Homicide Unit responded to the scene to conduct the investigation into the officer involved shooting. During the investigation, it was determined that Turner had also struck a man in a golf cart near the Convention Center prior to arrival of the first Harbor PD officer. The man was not seriously injured.

Turner was booked in to County Jail for 2 counts of assault with a deadly weapon, theft of a vehicle, and felony evading resulting in injury.

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