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Police Investigate Customs and Border Protection Shooting at San Ysidro Port of Entry

San Diego – On December 12, 2021, at around 9:45 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center was notified that a United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officer was in an officer involved shooting at the San Ysidro Port of Entry. The San Diego Police Homicide Unit was called to the scene to investigate the shooting. Investigators are still in the process of collecting evidence and conducting interviews.

Preliminary information is that a vehicle driving from Mexico into the United States, tried to drive at a high rate of speed through the screening lanes where CBP Officers were posted to monitor northbound traffic. The vehicle was driven by a solo occupant. The vehicle crashed into the back of another car in the traffic lane, then tried to drive around that car. As this was occurring, one CBP Officer discharged his firearm multiple times. The vehicle was struck but the driver was not injured. The driver was taken into custody by CBP Officers.

Detectives are working to confirm the identity of the driver. He is in federal custody and under investigation by Homeland Security for illegal entry and assault.

One CBP Officer was involved in the shooting. He has been an employee of CBP for fourteen years. His name is not being released at this time.

The investigation and review process for an officer involved shooting is extremely thorough. When the Homicide Unit completes their investigation, it will be reviewed by the United States Attorney's Office to determine if the officer bears any criminal liability for his actions.

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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