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Deputy Involved Shooting in Otay Mesa

San Diego – On Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 9:21 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a call requesting cover for deputies involved in a shooting at 2400 Roll Drive in the Otay Mesa area.

Officers from Southern Division responded to the location and found deputies providing first aid to a wounded male down in a parking lot. San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel arrived on scene and assessed the male's injuries. Unfortunately, the male died at the scene at 9:32 a.m.

Because the shooting occurred in the City of San Diego, investigators from the San Diego Police Homicide Unit were called to the scene to investigate. Detectives are in the process of collecting evidence and interviewing witnesses. It is still early in the investigation, but detectives have learned that San Diego Sheriff's deputies working in the area located an occupied stolen vehicle. Additional deputies arrived on scene and contacted the driver of the vehicle, giving him commands to exit the vehicle. Deputies were able to remove two passengers from the vehicle. The driver did not comply with deputies' orders and instead, the male attempted to drive away and struck two deputies, knocking them to the ground. This prompted one of the deputies to fire his service weapon. The vehicle continued to drive away and struck two Sheriff's vehicles before coming to a stop. The two passengers were not injured and are being questioned about the incident.

The subject in the deputy-involved shooting has been identified, however, his name is not being released at this time. He is described as a 27-year-old Hispanic male resident of San Diego.

The name of the deputy involved in the shooting is not being released at this time. He is a 16 year veteran of the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

The investigation and review process for a deputy-involved shooting is extremely thorough. When the Homicide Unit completes their investigation, it will be reviewed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to determine if the deputy bears any criminal liability for his actions. The Critical Incident Review Board will conduct an investigation to determine if there were any policy violations and evaluate the tactics used by the deputies. The County's Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB) will conduct a review of the incident and provide any appropriate

recommendations. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney's Office will also be monitoring the investigation.

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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