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Harbor Police Officer-Involved Shooting in front of Headquarters

San Diego – On April 10, 2022, the Port of San Diego Harbor Police received a call from the callbox in front of their Headquarters at 3380 North Harbor Drive requesting police assistance. A Harbor Police officer inside of the building was dispatched to contact the caller.

When the officer exited the building, a gray Honda Civic occupied by a 29-year-old Hispanic male was in the parking lot. The male driving the vehicle was the same person who used the callbox. As the officer approached the vehicle, the male produced a handgun and pointed it at the officer. While retreating behind a pillar, the officer broadcast on his police radio that the male had a gun.

The male continued to point the gun at the officer and other responding officers. The officer fired his service weapon multiple times at the male. A sergeant and a lieutenant who responded to assist also fired their service weapons. At that point, the male dropped the firearm and was taken into custody without further incident.

Harbor Police officers rendered medical aid until medics arrived. The male was transported to a local hospital where he remains in critical condition. The identity of the male is not being released at this time.

The San Diego Police Homicide Unit was called to the scene to conduct the officer-involved shooting investigation. Detectives have recovered a firearm from the vehicle at the scene.

The names of the officers involved in this incident are not being released at this time. The first responding officer has been employed by the Port of San Diego Harbor Police for approximately seven years. The sergeant has been employed for approximately 22 years. The lieutenant has been employed for approximately 24 years. The officer, sergeant, and lieutenant are currently assigned to patrol.

The investigation and review process for an officer-involved shooting are extremely thorough. When the Homicide Unit completes its investigation, it will be reviewed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to determine if the officers bear any criminal liability for their actions. The Port of San Diego Harbor Police will be assisting in the investigation and will conduct an

administrative investigation into the officers' discharge of their firearm. The Federal Bureau of Investigations 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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