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**Suspect Identified and Update on Attempted Murder of San Diego Police Officer**

**San Diego** – On December 12, 2022, at 12:22 a.m., San Diego Police Officers located an occupied stolen vehicle in the 3500 Block of Main Street in the Barrio Logan neighborhood of San Diego. Officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop but the vehicle sped away at a high rate of speed. Officers called for additional resources, including a K-9 unit, units equipped with stop sticks and a police helicopter to assist. During the pursuit, the driver of the stolen vehicle was speeding and driving in an erratic manner. Officers continued to pursue the stolen vehicle for several miles before concerns for public safety led ground units to discontinue the pursuit while the stolen vehicle was tracked by a police helicopter. After the suspect parked the stolen car in an apartment complex in the 900 block of 45<sup>th</sup> Street, the police helicopter advised officers on the ground of the location of the suspect and his direction of travel.

Officers moved to that location and a short foot pursuit ensued. While officers pursued the suspect on foot, the suspect turned and produced a concealed handgun. The suspect then shot one officer multiple times as the officer came around the apartment building. Other officers on scene immediately extracted the wounded officer and provided emergency medical aid. After the shooting, the suspect ran to 1000 South 44<sup>th</sup> Street and entered a vacant townhome. Officers set a perimeter and due to the serious nature of the crime, the fact the suspect had already shot an officer, and the inherent danger to the public, assistance from the San Diego Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Unit (S.W.A.T.) and the Emergency Negotiations Team (E.N.T.) was requested.

After several hours where the suspect refused to exit the residence, officers saw the suspect was down on the ground. Several SWAT officers and a police service dog were utilized to take the suspect into custody. As officers did so, they saw the suspect appeared to be in medical distress and was possibly overdosing on narcotics. Officers and medics administered naloxone (Narcan) and effectively revived the suspect. He was transported to a local hospital and is currently receiving treatment.

Shortly after the initial shooting, San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident. Their investigation includes reviewing any video footage that captured the incident, including surveillance video from the scene, Body Worn Camera and police helicopter footage as well as checking the area for witnesses and physical evidence. During processing of the scene, a “Ghost Gun” style handgun and numerous spent shell casings were recovered at the location where the suspect shot the officer.

The officer underwent successful surgery and is currently recovering from his wounds. His injuries are not considered life-threatening.

The suspect has been identified as Andrew Garcia of San Diego. Garcia is described as a 21-year-old Hispanic Male. After receiving medical treatment, Garcia will be booked into jail for one count of Attempted Murder of a Police Officer, Felony Evading, Auto Theft, Reckless Discharge of a Firearm into an Inhabited Dwelling and for being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

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

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