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Victim Identified in Homicide of Female in Del Cerro

San Diego – On October 27, 2023, at 10:49 a.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a radio call reporting a male refusing to leave a motel room at the Days Inn located at 5343 Adobe Falls Road in the Del Cerro neighborhood of San Diego. A short time later, the call was updated that the male had broken a window, was armed with a knife and had threatened several members of the hotel staff. In addition, blood was seen in the room and there was an odor emanating from the room that indicated there might be a deceased person inside. Officers from Eastern Division were dispatched immediately and arrived within minutes. Upon arriving, the officers attempted to contact the male in the hotel room and have him exit peacefully. However, the male, who was still in possession of the knife, refused to exit the room and barricaded himself inside. Due to the fact the suspect was armed and threatening people with a knife, there was a possibly deceased person or a person in need of medical assistance inside the room, and the suspect had barricaded himself inside, assistance from the San Diego Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Unit (S.W.A.T.), a canine unit, and emergency negotiators were requested.

After several hours of refusing to comply with the officers, the suspect exited the hotel room still armed with a knife. A Police Service Dog was deployed to subdue the suspect. However, the suspect assaulted the Police Service Dog, stabbing him several times. Fortunately, the dog's protective vest deflected all but one of the stab wounds. Several officers from the department's S.W.A.T. Team were able to subdue the suspect and take the knife from the suspect. One officer sustained minor injuries from that confrontation. The suspect was not injured. The Police Service Dog suffered serious injuries and was taken to a local veterinary hospital for treatment but is expected to recover.

Once officers took the suspect into custody and cleared the hotel room, they discovered the body of a deceased female. San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident. It is still early in the investigation and little is known about the circumstances leading up to the female's death. However, it appears the female suffered multiple stab wounds and other traumatic injuries that will be confirmed upon further examination by the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office. Detectives

have learned the male has been staying at the hotel for the past several days and has been the subject of at least two previous radio calls about him refusing to leave. Those previous calls did not involve any reports of an injured person or him threatening others with a knife. Detectives are still in the process of confirming what the relationship was between the female victim and the suspect. The suspect has been identified as Owerrie Davon Bacon, Jr. of San Bernardino, CA. He is described as a 28-year-old Black male.

The deceased female has been identified as Shantia Marie Brown of San Bernardino. She is described as a 31-year-old Black female.

Bacon was booked into San Diego County Jail for Murder, Attempted Murder, Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Assaulting a Police Service Dog with a Deadly Weapon.

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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