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Investigation of San Diego Sheriff's Department Deputy-Involved Shooting

El Cajon – On Thursday, March 9, 2023, at approximately 10:30 p.m., a patrol deputy from the San Diego Sheriff's Department located a Toyota truck parked on 1100 Oro Street that had been reported stolen from Alpine earlier that day in a commercial burglary. The patrol deputy requested a canine unit to respond to his location to assist and a surveillance was set up on the stolen vehicle. After approximately 90 minutes and not seeing anyone by the vehicle, the deputies attempted to recover the stolen vehicle. Deputies parked their patrol vehicles near the stolen vehicle and approached the truck on foot. As they walked up to the truck, they discovered an unknown male standing next to the passenger side of the vehicle. About the same time, the deputies noticed a male in the driver's seat. The deputies gave commands to the male to exit the vehicle however, the male refused. The canine deputy retrieved his police service dog and continued to give commands for the driver to exit the vehicle. However, the suspect ignored those commands.

The suspect then suddenly put the vehicle in reverse and accelerated rapidly, striking a parked vehicle. The suspect then accelerated forward rapidly, almost striking the deputies and the pedestrian before colliding with a patrol vehicle. At this point, one deputy fired his department issued handgun striking the stolen vehicle and suspect in each leg. The suspect sped off north on Oro Street and a brief vehicle pursuit ensued. However, the deputies discontinued the pursuit after losing sight of the suspect vehicle. The suspect ultimately lost control of the vehicle and crashed on 1300 North Second Street, north of Greenfield Drive. Shortly after the crash, a concerned citizen in the 1300 block of Arlington Place called police to report hearing a person in her backyard, possibly hiding in a shed. Deputies set a perimeter on the yard and began to call the suspect out of the shed. Shortly afterwards, the suspect surrendered and was taken into custody without incident. Deputies rendered aid and immediately called for medics to treat the suspect for injuries sustained in the shooting and as a result of the solo roll over crash he was involved in. The suspect was transported to a local hospital for treatment. His injuries are considered non-life threatening.

The suspect in this case has been identified as Brenten Kinzenbaw of Alpine. He is described as a 25-year-old white male. Kinzenbaw was arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Felony Evading, Hit and Run, and Auto Theft.

The deputy involved in the shooting has been employed by San Diego Sheriff's Department for approximately five years. He is currently assigned as a patrol deputy from the Lakeside Substation. The canine deputy did not fire his weapon during this incident. No deputies were injured during this incident.

Per the Countywide Memorandum of Understanding, the San Diego Police Homicide Unit was called to the scene to conduct the officer-involved shooting investigation. Detectives are currently gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses, and examining the circumstances surrounding the shooting.

The investigation and review process for officer-involved shootings 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 San Diego Sheriff's Department will conduct an administrative investigation into the deputy's discharge of his 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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