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**San Diego Sheriff's Department Deputy-Involved Shooting in Spring Valley**

**Spring Valley** – On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 7:23 p.m., the San Diego Sheriff's Department Communications Center received a call from a male reporting that his roommate had picked up a bedframe and threatened to kill another roommate at a residence in the 3600 block of South Barcelona Street. The caller also mentioned that the suspect may be experiencing mental issues.

Deputies from the Rancho San Diego substation were dispatched to the call. Upon arriving, they evacuated three residents of the home and spoke with them. They confirmed that the suspect, who lives at the residence, had brandished the metal bedframe at two of them and threatened to kill everyone in the house. Deputies determined there was probable cause to arrest the suspect for brandishing a weapon and criminal threats.

Deputies located the suspect in a bathroom in the residence. He was still armed with the metal bedframe and held it in front of him pointed at the deputies. He refused to exit the bathroom and made rambling statements including telling deputies to "shoot." Deputies brought less lethal resources to the scene including a canine officer and a taser. The Psychiatric Emergency Response Team was also on scene to assist. Deputies negotiated with the suspect for approximately fifteen minutes repeatedly asking him to drop the metal bedframe.

At that point, deputies moved closer to the bathroom where an officer deployed his taser. The taser struck the suspect but was ineffective. The suspect then quickly ran out of the bathroom, charging towards the deputies in the hallway with the metal bedframe held over his head in both hands. One of the deputies shot multiple rounds from his department-issued firearm. The rounds struck the suspect, who fell to the ground. Deputies immediately began rendering life-saving aid.

Paramedics responded and transported the suspect to a local hospital for treatment. He is in stable but serious condition. No deputies were injured during this incident.

The suspect in this case has been tentatively identified. He is described as a 45-year-old Sudanese male. The identity of the suspect is not being released at this time.

The deputy involved in the shooting has been employed by San Diego Sheriff's Department for approximately a year and a half. He is currently assigned as a patrol deputy at the Rancho San Diego substation.

Per the Countywide Memorandum of Understanding, the San Diego Police Homicide Unit was called to the scene to conduct the deputy-involved shooting investigation. Detectives are currently gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses, and examining the circumstances surrounding the shooting. A piece of a metal bedframe was recovered from the residence. It is approximately five feet long and has two swinging metal pieces attached at the ends.

The investigation and review process for deputy-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 deputies 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 Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB) will conduct a review of the incident and provide any appropriate recommendations. 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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