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# **Deputy-Involved Shooting in Imperial Beach**

**San Diego** — The San Diego Police Department is investigating a deputy-involved shooting that occurred this afternoon in Imperial Beach. They are currently processing the scene and will likely be in the area for the next several hours.

On Sunday, December 21, 2025, at approximately 1:38 p.m., two San Diego County Sheriff's deputies and a sergeant were contacted by a male near the Imperial Beach Pier, located at 940 Seacoast Drive.

During the contact, the male stepped away from the deputies and produced a knife. The male made statements consistent with wanting to be shot by the deputies, then advanced toward them holding the knife in his hand. One deputy fired multiple shots at the man, striking him at least once. The man was transported to a local hospital, but he did not survive his injuries. He is not being identified at this time pending family notification.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to investigate per the countywide memorandum of understanding regarding officer-involved shootings. Officer-involved shooting investigations are extremely thorough, as is the review process. When SDPD Homicide completes its investigation, it will be reviewed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to determine if the deputy bears any criminal liability for their actions.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office will conduct an administrative investigation into the deputy's discharge of their service weapon. 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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