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Identification s in Chula Vista Officer -Involved Shooting

San Diego – The San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred in Spring Valley involving Chula Vista Police.

On Thursday, January 29, 2026, at approximately 5:26 p.m., Chula Vista police officers were investigating a report of domestic violence possibly involving a firearm at an apartment complex in the 1600 block of Paseo Monti. While on scene, officers were directed to a burgundy Chevrolet Tahoe possibly driven by the subject of the complaint, 30-year-old Archie Armstrong of Spring Valley. Officers attempted to contact Armstrong and ordered him to stop. Armstrong accelerated toward one of the officers, nearly striking him with the vehicle, as he drove away.

Officers pursued Armstrong until he collided with a vehicle occupied by two people near the intersection of Sweetwater Rd. and Tyler St. in Spring Valley. Armstrong exited his vehicle and shot at the pursuing officers with a handgun as he ran from the scene. Officer James Alvarez-Raigoza and Sergeant Robert Murgia returned fire, striking Armstrong in the leg. Alvarez-Raigoza has been with CVPD for approximately 4 years, Sergeant Murgia for 24 years.

Officers rendered aid to Armstrong until he was transported by paramedics to a nearby hospital for treatment. Once medically cleared, Armstrong will be booked into county jail for numerous charges including attempted murder of a police officer.

One of the occupants from the vehicle the suspect collided with was transported to the hospital for a complaint of pain, but they have since been released. None of the officers were injured.

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 Homicide 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 Chula Vista Police Department will conduct an administrative investigation into the officer's discharge of their firearms. 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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