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Arrest of Trenelle Cannon

San Diego– On May 7, 2019, Trenelle Cannon (DOB 01-03-1999) was arrested by officers from the San Diego Police Department on outstanding warrants for felony possession of a firearm and robbery.

A 12 second video of this arrest was shared on social media without any context or details provided. The video was shared again and again, eventually leading to claims that SDPD officers used excessive force and are a threat to our community. Given the widespread attention this video garnered, it's necessary for our department to provide facts and context of the incident.

Detectives and officers were conducting surveillance of Cannon in the area of 600 E Street in Chula Vista related to his active felony warrants. Detectives found Cannon and requested uniformed officers' place him under arrest.

The officers drove to the location and ordered Cannon to surrender. However, he refused to comply and ran from them. An officer gave chase they momentarily lost contact with Cannon, but they recovered a firearm from the location where witnesses last observed him.

Here is a picture of the recovered firearm which was loaded with ammunition:



Detectives found Cannon in the area of 1100 4th Avenue in Chula Vista. He was seen getting into a car which then drove towards I-5. Officers conducted a traffic stop and when the car stopped, an officer approached the front passenger door to prevent Cannon from running again. Instead of complying, Cannon lunged forward and tackled the officer to the ground with the officer landing on his back.

Believing Cannon possibly had another weapon, responding officers used a combination of physical force and strikes to take him into custody while continuously giving him orders to surrender. Cannon refused to cooperate and struggled to keep his hands in front of his body. At one point, he pushed against an officer's gun belt. Eventually, it took multiple officers to restrain and place Cannon in handcuffs.

Once restrained, and no longer a threat to officers, no additional force was used against Cannon.

Detectives from Internal Affairs were notified and responded. They will conduct an administrative investigation to determine if the officers and detectives complied with established department policy and procedures related to the use of force. They will also evaluate all available evidence which includes: department video footage, witness statements, and video captured by witnesses.

Additionally, the criminal investigation against Cannon is ongoing and additional charges may be filed while he remains in custody.

Several officers suffered minor injuries during the struggle. Cannon complained of pain and sustained minor abrasions.

Historically, SDPD has not released such detailed information regarding a critical incident due to concerns of due process. But in the spirit of transparency and setting the record straight, the department is releasing additional video of Cannon's arrest from a police officer's body worn camera and from ABLE and will provide more details as they become available.

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