



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## San Diego Police Department

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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN GASLAMP**

**San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred in the Gaslamp neighborhood last night.**

**At approximately 1:45 a.m., officers were on foot patrol in the area of 500 Market Street when their attention was drawn to a motorist who was squealing her tires. The driver, later identified as Melanie Yeager, 22, turned north on Fifth Avenue in violation of a barricade prohibiting the turn. Officers tried to stop Yeager, but she continued past them and drove to the corner of Fifth Avenue and 'G' Street. Yeager tried to squeeze between a vehicle stopped for the red light and a parked police car, striking both vehicles. Yeager then turned left and headed westbound on 'G' Street, which is a one-way, east-only street. As Yeager crossed through the intersection, she struck a pedestrian. Officers caught up to Yeager and yelled for her to stop. Yeager backed into a parked vehicle, then turned the wheel to continue westbound against traffic. As she drove towards an officer, the shooting officer fired one round, which missed Yeager. Yeager continued one-half block west before officers stopped and arrested her.**

**The pedestrian and the officer struck by the vehicle suffered minor injuries and were treated and released. Yeager was arrested for two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, and ten counts of hit & run driving.**

**The officer who fired his weapon is a 12-year veteran of the police department.**

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