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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE BORDER PATROL SHOOTING IN TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY**

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an incident in the Tijuana River Valley that ended with U.S. Border Patrol agents shooting a suspect.

At about 6:45 p.m. last night, a U.S. Border Patrol agent apprehended two suspected undocumented persons (one male, one female) in the 2200 block of Monument Road. The female detainee received several phone calls from a suspected smuggler, and an agent pretended to be her companion as he encouraged the smuggler to pick them up.

Two agents and the female hid in some bushes as they exchanged phone calls with the smuggler and directed him to their location. The smuggler drove south on Hollister Street and slowly west on Monument Road until the female emerged from the bushes. When a uniformed agent appeared from the bushes, the smuggler drove west on Monument Road (which dead ends to the west) then made a u-turn and drove eastbound.

One agent stood in the middle of the road, with the second agent just south of him. The suspect continued at 50-60 miles per hour and moved from the eastbound lane to the middle of the road. Believing he was going to be run down by the vehicle, the agent in the road fired several times at the driver. The second agent, who by now had moved to the south side of the road, also fired several rounds in defense of his partner.

The driver fled the scene and abandoned his vehicle in the 1600 block of Gayo Street. He fled on foot to the 2100 block of Leon Avenue, where Border Patrol agents took him into custody. The suspect, not positively identified but believed to be 22 years old, suffered a gunshot wound and was taken to a trauma center for treatment of an injury that is not considered life-threatening. The suspect is under guard and in the custody of federal agents who will pursue criminal charges against him.

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