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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LINDA VISTA

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that resulted in the death of a 32-year-old man.

Last night at about 8:58 p.m., police dispatch received a call from a male who was threatening suicide. The caller, who resides at 1916 Westinghouse Street, stated that he had a knife and a gun and wanted to kill himself. Patrol officers from Western Division responded to the location and found the man in the rear yard of the above address. The man, who was armed with a knife, refused to drop the weapon when ordered to do so by the three responding officers. He instead fled southbound in the yard and was eventually confronted a second time in the street in front of the residence. Additional attempts to gain compliance failed, and the armed subject fled back towards the rear yard. The officers momentarily lost sight of the man but cautiously followed his path of travel. When the officers were about five yards from the rear of the house, the man re-appeared with the knife. Repeated commands to drop the knife were ignored and the male aggressively ran towards one of the officers. The officer, fearing for his life, used his service weapon to shoot the man, striking him in the torso area. Paramedics responded to the scene to attempt life saving measures. The man died at the scene as a result of multiple gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at 9:22 p.m.

The deceased man has been identified as David V. Vongpramai of San Diego. The name of the involved officer is not being released at this time. He is a 4-year veteran of the police department. The officer will be placed on administrative duty pending the outcome of the investigation.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293.

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