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## San Diego Police Department

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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN OTAY MESA WEST**

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a home invasion robbery that resulted in the victim, an off-duty federal agent, shooting the suspect.

This morning, at 2:28 a.m., officers were dispatched to a residential burglary in progress in the 3900 block of Palm Avenue. Officers made contact with the victim, an off-duty Immigrations & Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent, and learned he had shot the suspect. Officers followed a blood trail from the residence and located the suspect in the yard of a home in the 3800 block of Chanute Street. The suspect had suffered a gunshot wound and was transported to a trauma center, where he is being treated while under police guard. The suspect has not been positively identified, and his injury is not considered life threatening.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the agent was asleep when the suspect entered his bedroom and demanded the keys to his truck. The agent noticed the suspect was armed with a hammer and a stabbing object. The agent directed the suspect to the kitchen for the keys. While the suspect went to the kitchen, the agent armed himself. The agent confronted the suspect in the kitchen and identified himself as a peace officer. When the suspect started to raise the hammer, the agent shot him. The suspect fled from the residence, and the agent notified police.

The suspect will be charged with home invasion robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

The agent involved in the shooting is an 11-month veteran of the Department of Homeland Security.

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