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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING ON INTERSTATE 805 NEAR THE CAMINO DE LA PLAZA OFF RAMP

(San Diego) San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer-involved shooting on Interstate 805 near the off ramp to Camino De La Plaza.

At 9:40 a.m., Chula Vista Police requested the assistance of SDPD officers in apprehending a suspect who had stolen a vehicle and shot at two of their officers. Chula Vista patrol officers had discovered a stolen truck at the Good Nite Inn, located at 225 Bay Boulevard in Chula Vista. When the officers approached the suspect to arrest him, the suspect fled in the stolen vehicle, ramming a marked police vehicle and firing a gun at the approaching uniformed officers.

Chula Vista police officers pursued the fleeing suspect to Bay Boulevard and Lagoon Drive where the suspect crashed the stolen vehicle and fled on foot. The suspect ran into the area of the B.F. Goodrich complex off of Bay Boulevard. Chula Vista police officers set up a perimeter around the complex and began searching for the suspect. While searching for the suspect the officers learned of a citizen who had just been robbed of his wallet and keys by the suspect. As they continued searching, the suspect came driving out of the complex in large delivery van which he had stolen from the complex that was being searched.

Chula Vista police continued the pursuit which took them through the streets of Chula Vista and the city of San Diego. SDPD officers assumed the pursuit as it wound its way through the streets of San Diego. The suspect drove through San Ysidro to Camino De La Plaza and attempted to drive onto Interstate 805 by going north on the southbound off ramp of the freeway. As he drove northbound in the southbound lanes, the stolen van collided with a vehicle travelling south. The suspect left the van on foot and managed to violently carjack a southbound vehicle which was stuck in the snarled traffic.

Patrol officers were prevented from following the suspect the wrong way on the freeway in their vehicles but an officer was able to catch up with the suspect as he was forcing the driver from the car and attempting to flee. As the officer was ordering the suspect to stop and surrender, the suspect rammed the car in front of him and attempted to back the car from between the other cars in traffic in an attempt to flee again. The officer found himself between the stationary cars in traffic and the suspect's car being driven in a violent manner in an attempt to escape. Fearing for his life, and the lives of the surrounding citizens, the officer shot the suspect.

The suspect died at the scene. The suspect's name is not known at this time. Police detectives are working with the Medical Examiner to determine the suspect's identity.

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