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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN ROLANDO NEIGHBORHOOD

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer-involved shooting that was preceded by a La Mesa bank robbery and a pursuit that ended in the Rolando neighborhood.

At 2:08 p.m., San Diego Police officers were dispatched to the area of Mataro Drive and Rolando Boulevard to search for two suspects who had just robbed the California Coast Credit Union in the City of La Mesa. A sergeant located the suspect vehicle, unoccupied, in the 4600 block of Mataro Drive. The sergeant attempted to stop a male (who matched the suspect description) who was walking away from the vehicle. The suspect fled behind Clay Elementary School.

Another responding SDPD officer located the suspect at the intersection of Catherine Avenue and Stanley Avenue. The suspect jumped a fence on the southwest corner, with the officer in pursuit. As he leaned over the fence, the officer ordered the suspect to stop and place his hands in the air. The suspect complied, then turned and reached for his waistband. Fearing the suspect was reaching for a handgun, the officer fired several rounds at the suspect. The suspect jumped over another fence and disappeared into the neighborhood.

The SDPD SWAT Team and Canine Units conducted a meticulous search of the area, and at 5:45 p.m., found the suspect hiding inside a garage in the 6300 block of Stanley Avenue. The suspect has been identified as Davan Darden, 23. Darden was arrested for bank robbery.

La Mesa Police and the F.B.I. are investigating the bank robbery, and they took custody of Darden. Darden was not struck by the officer's rounds.

The officer involved in the shooting has 30 years of law enforcement experience and has been with the San Diego Police Department for one year.

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