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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING AT THE BORDER

The San Diego Police Homicide Unit is investigating an officer involved shooting by a Border Patrol Agent. On June 21, 2011, at about 7:25 p.m., San Diego Police officers received an urgent radio call to assist Border Patrol Agents who had been attacked with rocks and sticks, east of Dairy Mart Road, near the border fence line.

Responding police officers learned a Border Patrol agent had discovered three suspects crossing the border fence, east of Dairy Mart Road. The agent called for assistance from other Border Patrol agents. When a second agent arrived, the agents attempted to arrest the three suspects. Two of the suspects fled back into Mexico through an opening in the fence. The third suspect resisted arrest and began to fight the agents. While attempting to gain control of the resisting suspect, one of the original suspects leaned over the top of the border fence and began throwing large rocks at the two agents. The suspect on the fence then threw a large piece of wood with exposed nails at the officers, hitting the second agent in the head. As the suspect began to throw another large rock at the officers, the initial Border Patrol Agent fired his service weapon at a suspect, striking him once.

The initial investigation has revealed the suspect, described as a Latino male, fell back into Mexico after being shot and died at the scene. The suspect's identity is not known. The third suspect was arrested. His name and age have not been confirmed.

The involved agent is a 3-year-veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol. His name is being withheld pending completion of the investigation. The second agent was injured during the arrest. He was treated at a local hospital and released.

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