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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN MIRA MESA

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred in a Mira Mesa strip mall early this morning.

At approximately 12:25 a.m., a patrol sergeant (uniformed) assigned to the department's Northeastern Division was driving through the shopping center in the 8200 block of Mira Mesa Boulevard when he noticed two young males walking near some parked vehicles. The sergeant followed the males as they walked from the area of the Vons supermarket towards the entrance to the CVS pharmacy. As the sergeant pulled in front of the pharmacy, which was open for business, the males passed in front of his vehicle. One of the males entered the pharmacy, and the second male (suspect) turned and walked southbound along a row of planter boxes in front of the business.

Because of the time of night, their youthful appearances, and the sergeant's suspicion they might be casing vehicles to burglarize them, the sergeant called out to the suspect and asked to speak to him. The suspect stopped, and the sergeant engaged him in conversation. When the sergeant asked the male for some identification, the male produced his wallet and handed it towards the officer, then ran south through the parking lot. The sergeant chased the male and ordered him to stop.

After running approximately 175 feet, the suspect stopped, turned, and started to run back towards the sergeant. As he did so, the suspect pulled a handgun from his waistband. As the suspect raised the weapon, the sergeant fired one round, hitting the suspect and causing him to collapse. The weapon brandished by the suspect was a dark, plastic, replica semi-automatic handgun.

The suspect, identified as Robert McBride, Jr., 22, was transported to a trauma center, where he underwent surgery for injuries that are not considered life-threatening. McBride will be guarded at the hospital until he is healthy enough to be booked into County Jail for exhibiting an imitation firearm in a threatening manner and probation violation.

The sergeant involved in the shooting is a 21-year veteran of the department.

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