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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN NORTH CLAIREMONT

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating a fatal officer-involved shooting that occurred inside a North Clairemont home earlier this morning.

At 1:23 a.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 5000 block of Dawne Street after the homeowner said her nephew threatened to arm himself with a knife and stab her. Four officers arrived and made contact at the residence. The female allowed the officers inside and said her 26-year-old nephew was in a rear bedroom and had also threatened to stab anyone she sent in to get him.

Officers announced themselves and asked the nephew to come out of the bedroom, but he did not. An officer opened the bedroom door and saw the nephew lying in bed, covered by blankets. When the officer asked the nephew to get up, the nephew turned back the covers, revealing the fact he was armed with a large kitchen knife. As the nephew rose from the bed and lunged towards the officer, two officers fired their handguns, hitting him. The suspect died at the scene at 1:55 a.m.

The deceased suspect's name is being withheld pending complete family notification.

The officers involved in the shooting are 32 and 16-year veterans of the police department, assigned to the Canine Unit and Northern Divisions respectively.

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