



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## San Diego Police Department

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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN SOUTHCREST**

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer-shooting last night that occurred when officers responded to a disturbance call in Southcrest.

Last night, at 11:23 p.m., officers were dispatched on a radio call of a disturbance in the 1500 block of South 39<sup>th</sup> Street. Two citizens reported a person had threatened them with a gun. Officers responded to the area and were checking the area for the suspect when one officer located the suspect walking near the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Alpha Street.

The officer stopped his car and got out to contact the suspect. The suspect ignored the officer's commands to stop. As the officer attempted to physically stop the man from leaving, the suspect turned on the officer and tried to stab him with a knife. The officer shot the suspect and the suspect fell to the ground, dropping the knife.

Paramedics were called and the suspect was transported to a local hospital and is being treated for a gunshot wound. The suspect appears to be 25 to 30 years-old. He has not been positively identified.

The officer was not injured in the attack. He is assigned to Southeastern Division and is a three year veteran of the department.

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