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## San Diego Police Department

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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN MARINA AREA**

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred in an apartment building in the Marina area early this morning.

At approximately 2:53 a.m., patrol officers were dispatched to 606 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to investigate a 911 call of a man wearing a tactical vest and carrying an assault type weapon in the first floor corridor of the apartment building. Arriving officers entered the lobby of the building and attempted to locate the suspect. As the officers opened a stairwell door leading from the lobby to the garage, they encountered the suspect who was still armed with the rifle.

The suspect saw the officers and began to raise the rifle in the officers' direction. Fearing he was about to be shot, the officer closest to the suspect fired two rounds from his duty weapon striking the suspect. The suspect, still armed, retreated into the stairwell. Officers advised communications that shots had been fired and requested additional resources including SWAT. Officers could hear the suspect moving around in the stairwell and called out to him several times to surrender.

At 4:09 a.m., approximately 50 minutes after the shooting, the suspect walked out of the stairwell through a side door leading to the street on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue side of the building. He was unarmed and taken into custody near the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Market Street. The suspect was bleeding from his chest and arm and was transported by paramedics to a local hospital for treatment. He is expected to survive.

A loaded military style assault rifle, a gas mask, a handgun and a tactical vest were located in the stairwell.

The officer involved in the shooting is an 18-year veteran of the department.

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