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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN CARMEL MOUNTAIN

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred inside a movie theater in Carmel Mountain Ranch.

On Saturday, January 12, 2013, at approximately 2:22 p.m., officers of the San Diego Police Department responded to a radio call of a domestic violence incident taking place in a parking lot of a shopping center located in the 11100 block of Rancho Carmel Drive. Officers arrived to find the suspect had fled the scene. Witnesses described seeing the suspect, who was armed with a handgun, run from the original location, across Rancho Carmel Drive to another shopping center.

Officers began a search of the other shopping center and learned the suspect had entered a multi-screen movie theater. A thorough search of the individual theater rooms was conducted by the patrol officers. One of the officers located the suspect sitting inside the theater, as a patron. As the officer approached the suspect, the officer gave the suspect verbal commands to determine if he was armed. The suspect initially complied by raising his empty hands, but then lowered them quickly into his lap. The suspect raised a handgun and turned it toward the officer. The officer shot the suspect and the suspect was taken into custody. There were other guests inside the theater when the shooting took place and all were able to get out of the theater safely.

The preliminary investigation by detectives has revealed that the suspect and victim have been in a dating relationship. The suspect showed up, unexpectedly, at the victim's place of business and a physical altercation took place. The suspect was armed with a handgun and physically attacked the victim. The victim was able to get away from the suspect with the help of co-workers and citizens who witnessed the altercation.

The suspect, Tom Billodeaux (20) of Escondido, was shot in the arm and chest area. He was taken to a local hospital for treatment and will be booked into County Jail as soon as he is released. The victim was not injured during the initial domestic violence incident.

The officer involved in the shooting has been with the Department for a year and a half.

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