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San Diego Police Department

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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN ENCANTO

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred in the Encanto neighborhood.

On Saturday, January 12, 2013, at approximately 1:17 a.m., a San Diego police officer patrolling the area saw a car speeding eastbound on 5400 Imperial Avenue. The officer attempted to stop the car for the speeding violation; however the driver of the car failed to yield to the officer's police lights and siren. Two other officers assisted in the pursuit, chasing the car to the 6500 block of Brooklyn Avenue.

The car turned into a large open dirt lot on the north side of the street, which was fenced on three sides. The officers stopped their cars and got out, expecting the suspect to flee on foot. The driver of the car suddenly made a U turn and drove directly toward the officers who were outside their cars giving verbal commands for the suspect to stop. As the driver of the car continued to drive toward the officers, the three officers fired their handguns at the suspect, striking the driver and a passenger in the front seat. The car came to a stop; the officers rendered aid and called for assistance. Paramedics arrived but the driver died at the scene. The passenger was transported to a local hospital for a gunshot wound to her shoulder. There was a third person in the car who was not injured.

The preliminary investigation by detectives has revealed that the car driven by the suspect was an unreported stolen car. The suspect, a 21 year-old male has been identified, but his name will be withheld until his family can be notified. The injured passenger is a 19 year old female and the uninjured passenger is an 18 year old male.

The officers involved in the shooting have been with the Department for 6years, 5 years, and 4 years.

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