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San Diego Police Department

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Homicide Unit

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SAN DIEGO POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN MIRA MESA

On Monday, February 16, 2015, at 12:02 p.m., San Diego Police Officers responded to a burglary-in-progress of an occupied home by a naked male in the 7900 block of Merrington Place.

A uniformed San Diego Police Officer arrived and found a neighbor standing by with a baseball bat watching the suspect. The officer saw the naked suspect standing barefoot in glass by a broken window in the side yard of the residence. When the officer gave verbal directions to the suspect, the suspect attacked the officer. After an extended physical fight, the suspect pushed the officer through wood panels of a side yard fence into a neighboring yard. The officer attempted to use his Taser twice, but it had no effect on the suspect.

The suspect again charged the officer and tried to remove the officer's gun from its holster. The gun fell to the ground. The suspect reached for the gun but the officer retrieved it first. The suspect tried to disarm the officer again and the officer fired at the suspect striking him in the upper torso. The suspect continued to fight with the officer until additional officers arrived and the suspect was taken into custody.

The suspect is a 27-year-old White male and was transported to a local hospital where he is listed in fair condition. The officer sustained minor injuries. Police are still gathering information to determine what occurred during the burglary of the residence.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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