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Investigation of San Diego Sheriff's Department Deputy-Involved Shooting

Fallbrook – On Friday, April 21, 2023, at approximately 1:01 a.m., the San Diego Sheriff's Department Communications Center received a call from a female who reported her husband was despondent and threatening suicide at a residence located in the 4900 block of White Lilac Road in Fallbrook. The female reported her husband had made suicidal threats, and earlier in the day she hid a firearm from her husband who had threatened to kill himself with it. Deputies from the San Diego Sheriff's Fallbrook Station were dispatched to the couple's residence. As deputies drove to the call, the female reported the male had another firearm and locked himself in a bedroom. She additionally reported there were children in the residence.

Upon arriving, deputies contacted the female outside her residence and she confirmed her husband had access to a rifle and a handgun. The deputies were in the process of gathering information when the female's husband came out from behind the residence and was armed with a scoped rifle. Both deputies began to give the male commands. However, the male continued to advance towards the deputies and his wife as he pointed the rifle towards them. At this point, one deputy fired his department issued rifle multiple times, striking the suspect in the leg and lower body. This incapacitated the suspect, and the suspect dropped the rifle. The deputies were able to call for assistance from other deputies and paramedics. Shortly afterwards, they took the suspect into custody and carried him to a nearby ambulance so medics could provide immediate medical care. The suspect was transported to a local hospital for treatment. At this time, his injuries are considered non-life threatening. Neither the deputies nor the children were injured during this incident. The female sustained minor injuries that did not require further medical care.

The suspect in this case has been identified as Jorge Alberto Sandoval of Fallbrook. He is described as a 41-year-old Hispanic male. Sandoval was arrested for Brandishing a Firearm in the Presence of a Peace Officer and Spousal Abuse.

The deputy involved in the shooting has been employed by San Diego Sheriff's Department for approximately fifteen years. He is currently assigned as a patrol deputy at the Fallbrook Substation. The second patrol deputy present did not fire his weapon during this incident.

Per the Countywide Memorandum of Understanding, the San Diego Police Homicide Unit was called to the scene to conduct the officer-involved-shooting investigation. Detectives are currently

gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses, and examining the circumstances surrounding the shooting. A scoped rifle and ammunition were recovered at the scene of the deputy-involved shooting.

The investigation and review process for deputy-involved shootings are extremely thorough. When the Homicide Unit completes its investigation, it will be reviewed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to determine if the deputies bear any criminal liability for their actions. The San Diego Sheriff's Department will conduct an administrative investigation into the deputy's discharge of his firearm. The Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB) will conduct a review of the incident and provide any appropriate recommendations. The Federal Bureau of Investigations and the United States Attorney's Office will also be monitoring the investigation.

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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