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Officer-Involved Shooting in Hillcrest Neighborhood

San Diego – On March 12, 2020, at around 9:30 a.m., San Diego Police officers responded to a Hillcrest area hotel regarding a man stating he wanted to harm himself. Officers attempted to persuade the man to come out of his room and talk to them, but he refused. Additional resources were called to the scene and negotiators continued to talk to the man. He still refused to come out, barricaded himself in the room and said he had a shotgun. Officers evacuated other hotel guests and nearby residents.

As officers were containing the area, the man fired upon them. An officer returned fire. Neither the man nor the officer were injured.

After extensive negotiation, 22-year-old Fabian Quevedo-Equihua surrendered today at 12:40 a.m. The Homicide Unit was called to the scene and detectives recovered a shotgun from the room. Fabian Quevedo-Equihua has been booked into jail for assault with a deadly weapon.

The name of the officer involved in this incident is not being released at this time, but he has been with the department for eight years.

The investigation and review process for an officer-involved shooting is extremely thorough. When the Homicide Unit completes their investigation, it will be reviewed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office to determine if the officer bears any criminal liability for his actions. The Internal Affairs Unit will conduct an investigation to determine if there were any policy violations, and the Shooting Review Board will evaluate the tactics used by the officers. The Community Review Board on Police Practices 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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