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**Officer Identified in Officer-Involved Shooting in the East Village**

**San Diego** – On May 23, 2020, at around 9:50 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received several calls regarding a female causing a disturbance at 500 Park Blvd. Callers reported being hit by glass thrown by a female in an upper level apartment there. When officers arrived at that location, they saw broken glass and furniture items on the east sidewalk.

Officers secured the area to prevent further injury to citizens and attempted to make contact with the female through various means. The female ignored the officers and continued to throw items from her window. At times, the woman was armed with a knife when she appeared at the window. Officers gained entry to the woman's apartment and saw that she had barricaded herself in her bathroom. They continued to give her verbal directions to come out and utilized various options, including chemical agents and a police canine, to take her into custody, but she was uncooperative. The woman punched and grabbed the police canine and brandished a knife. When the woman threatened the officers with the knife, an officer fired at least one round from his duty weapon.

Officers immediately rendered first aid and called for paramedics to transport the woman to a local hospital where she is being treated for gunshot injuries. Neither the officers nor the police canine were injured. The Homicide Unit was called to the scene to conduct the officer-involved shooting investigation. Detectives have recovered a knife at the scene.

The identity of the woman is not being released at this time but she is a 26 year-old resident of San Diego.

The officer involved in this incident is Andres Ruiz. He is assigned to Canine Unit and has been a member of the department for over 11 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 officer. 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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