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**Police Investigate Officer-Involved Shooting In El Cerrito**

**San Diego** - On August 24, 2019, at approximately 7:47 p.m., the San Diego Police Department's Communications Center received a call regarding a possible assault with a deadly weapon at a residence in the 5800 block of Adelaide Avenue, in the El Cerrito neighborhood. The caller was a 70 year-old female reporting her 52 year-old nephew had thrown a brick at her. Two San Diego Police Officers responded to handle the incident, eventually resulting in an officer-involved shooting. The 52 year-old male was struck at least one time by gunfire. The officers administered aid and called for paramedics. Despite the efforts of the officers and San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel, the male did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Investigators from the San Diego Police Homicide Unit were called to the scene to handle the investigation. Although it is early in the investigation, witnesses told the investigators the male advanced on the officers while swinging a large post-like object at them (later determined to be a shovel). The officers gave the male orders to drop the weapon, but the male refused to cooperate. He continued quickly advancing on the officers while swinging the shovel, prompting one officer to fire his Taser, while the second officer fired his service weapon.

The 52 year-old male has been identified, but his name is being withheld at this time pending further family notifications.

The officers involved in this incident are assigned to Mid-City Division. One is a four year veteran of the department while the other is a sixteen year veteran of the department. Neither of the officers were injured, nor was the 70 year-old female caller.

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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