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Police Investigate Officer-Involved Shooting In North Park

San Diego - On November 16, 2019, at approximately 9:21 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received a report of a carjacking that had just occurred in the area of Maryland Street and Madison Avenue. The victim's property, including a white 2019 Subaru Outback was taken at gunpoint. Patrol officers began searching the area and the vehicle was located at 1800 Washington Street. When the officers tried to stop the vehicle, the driver failed to yield and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit ended when the suspect drove off of the roadway at Arizona Street and Howard Avenue, coming to rest in the landscaping in the front of an apartment complex. The pursuing officers exited their vehicles and initiated a high-risk vehicle stop.

The suspect put the car in reverse and rapidly accelerated at the officers. One officer had to jump out of the way to avoid being struck. As the vehicle passed another officer, he could see the suspect slouched down in the driver's seat pointing a handgun directly at him. Fearing he was about to be shot, the officer fired his service weapon at the suspect. The suspect's vehicle continued accelerating in reverse, eventually crashing into a police car. The movement of the suspect vehicle and the collision left the officer that had fired his weapon standing in front of the suspect vehicle. The suspect began revving the engine causing several officers to fear the suspect was about to go forward and run over the officer in front of the vehicle. The initial officer that fired, and one additional officer, fired their service weapons at the suspect. The suspect quickly surrendered and the officers stopped firing. The suspect was removed from the car and was taken into custody. A handgun was located in the suspect's vehicle.

San Diego Police Homicide Investigators were called to the scene to investigate the shooting. The suspect was not struck by the gunfire, but was transported to a hospital for evaluation after the collisions. He has since been released. Thankfully, no one was injured in this incident.

The suspect is a 17 year-old male, therefore his name is not being released. He was booked into Juvenile Hall for carjacking, felony evading, assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer and weapons charges.

The names of the officers are not being released at this time. The first officer that fired his service weapon is assigned to Mid-City Division and is a one-year veteran of the Department. The second officer that fired his service weapon is assigned to Western Division and is a two-year veteran of the Department.

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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