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Suspect Identified in Officer-Involved Shooting at San Ysidro Port of Entry

San Diego – On June 3, 2019, at approximately 7:43 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center was notified of an officer-involved shooting at the San Ysidro Port of Entry involving United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers. San Diego Police Officers responded to the vehicle secondary inspection area of the Port of Entry to assist and learned a suspect had been wounded in the shooting. CBP Officers and San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel attempted life-saving measures on the suspect however, he unfortunately did not survive his injuries.

As with any officer-involved shooting occurring in the City of San Diego, the San Diego Police Homicide Unit was called to the scene to conduct the investigation. Investigators are still in the process of conducting interviews and collecting evidence, but according to initial witness interviews the suspect was driving through the Port of Entry from Mexico into the United States. He refused to stop for the CBP Officers and attempted to drive through the inspection area. Several CBP Officers attempted to stop the suspect, whose vehicle was eventually blocked by another vehicle. The suspect began firing a gun out of his vehicle towards the officers, then exited his vehicle and continued firing at the officers. The officers returned fire, striking the suspect.

The suspect has been identified as 23 year-old Travis James Eckstein. Two additional people were found in the rear of Eckstein's truck. They were interviewed and released to CBP Officers. Inquiries regarding the immigration or custodial status of those individuals should be directed to CBP.

Seven CBP Officers were involved in the shooting, none of which were injured by the gunfire.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.