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**San Diego Police Investigates Border Patrol Agent-Involved Shooting**

**San Diego** - On Sunday, July 29, 2018, at 2:35 a.m., the United States Border Patrol Communications Center notified the San Diego Police Department their agents had been involved in a shooting in the rural area south of 1800 Monument Road, commonly referred to as "Spooner's Mesa".

San Diego Police personnel, including investigators from the Homicide Unit, responded to the scene as the incident occurred within the City of San Diego. During the initial investigation, the investigators learned a Border Patrol Agent was on patrol on an ATV in the area of Spooner's Mesa when he was struck with a rock by the suspect. The impact knocked the Border Patrol Agent off of his ATV. The suspect was able to ride away on the ATV and was chased by other agents in the area. The suspect eventually lost control of the ATV and crashed into a fence, at which time he was taken into custody. During the incident, two Border Patrol Agents fired their weapons at the suspect, striking him at least once. The suspect was transported to a local hospital for treatment. His injuries are not believed to be life-threatening. No Border Patrol Agents were seriously injured during the incident.

The United States Border Patrol Agents who fired their weapons have been identified as Agent Micah Owens and Agent Brandon Brandt.

The suspect in this incident has been identified as Francisco Javier Gutierrez-Alvarado. He is being charged with federal violations for assaulting a federal officer.

The San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit is investigating this Officer involved shooting per the San Diego County Officer Involved Shooting Protocol.

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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