LASD Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS) at Rowan Avenue and Fourth Street, Los Angeles.

The following information is based on facts determined from an investigation into the incident described. The investigation is ongoing and as witnesses are interviewed, evidence is analyzed and reports are reviewed, our understanding of the facts may change. The details described below accurately reflect the facts as we currently know them.

On December 16, 2019, at approximately 5:38 pm, two East Los Angeles Station Deputies were in their patrol car near Rowan Avenue and 4th Street in East Los Angeles. One of the deputies recognized Jorge Serrano, a 25 year-old resident of Los Angeles, walking south on Rowan Avenue. Aware that Serrano had a warrant for his arrest, the deputies stopped to contact him.

As the deputies exited their patrol car, Serrano drew his firearm and a Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS) occurred.

Serrano ran from the deputies, westbound Fourth Street, as the deputies chased on foot. After crossing Ditman Avenue, Serrano turned to face the pursuing deputies and pointed his pistol at them. Deputies responded and fired at Serrano, striking him and causing him to fall to the ground.

Jorge Serrano sustained multiple gunshot wounds to his upper body and arms. Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics responded, but Jorge Serrano was pronounced dead at the scene. No deputies or civilians were injured in the incident.

Investigators recovered Serrano’s loaded, Taurus .380 caliber, semi-automatic handgun at the scene.

LASD Homicide investigators responded to the scene to conduct interviews, follow up and process the scene. Representatives from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB), and the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office, Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) also responded to view the incident scene.

Once completed, the criminal investigation will be forwarded to the District Attorney’s Office to determine if the force used by the involved personnel violated any criminal laws. Once completed, the LASD will evaluate the actions of the personnel within the application of policy, procedures and tactics.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call Sheriff’s Homicide at 323-890-5500. Anonymous tips may be received through CRIMESTOPPERS at 800-222-8477.