

06-06-2019

LASD Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS), 3700 Block of Imperial Highway, Inglewood

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 June 6, 2019, at approximately 10:27 pm, two deputies assigned to South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, noticed a blue 2004 Dodge Neon, in the area of Crenshaw Boulevard and Imperial Highway.

The deputies conducted a traffic stop on Imperial Highway, west of Crenshaw Avenue, for a vehicle code violation. The driver of the vehicle, Edtwon Stamps, a 27 year-old Los Angeles resident, initially stopped his car at the curb. During conversation with the deputies, Stamps admitted that he didn't have a driver's license. When the deputy ordered him to step out of his car, Stamps accelerated away at a high rate of speed. The deputies lost sight of the vehicle but continued to check the area to try to locate the blue Neon.

A short time later, the deputies found the vehicle, which was parked on 115th Street, west of Yukon Avenue. The deputies saw Stamps run from the vehicle, through the properties at the 3700 Block of 115th Street.

Minutes later, the deputies again located Edtwon Stamps walking west on the south sidewalk of Imperial Highway. Stamps ran from deputies, drew a handgun and fired at them repeatedly, as he took cover behind a parked car in a driveway. The deputies exited their patrol car and each returned fire, shooting a total of thirty-five rounds. During the incident, Stamps fired ten rounds at the deputies. During the prolonged exchange of gunfire, the suspect entered the driver's side of the patrol car, where he ultimately shot himself with his handgun.

Edtwon Stamps was treated on scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics. He sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, one gunshot wound to the right wrist and one gunshot wound to his buttocks area. Stamps was transported to Harbor General Hospital where he was subsequently pronounced deceased.

No deputies or other civilians were injured in the incident.

A loaded .40 caliber handgun was recovered from Stamps, inside of the patrol car. That pistol had been reported stolen in 2015, in Surprise, Arizona.

LASD Homicide investigators responded to the scene to conduct interviews, follow up and process the scene. Representatives from the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB), the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), 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.