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LASD Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS) at 100 block of N. Rowan Avenue, 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 March 14, 2021, at approximately 1:50 PM, deputies assigned to the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station responded to a residence in the 100 block of North Rowan Avenue in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles regarding a call of a suicidal person armed with a knife. Upon arriving, deputies located David Ordaz Jr., a 34 year old man, seated in a car parked in front of his home.

Deputies ordered Ordaz to exit the car. As he did so, Ordaz was holding a knife in his right hand while telling the deputies to shoot him. Deputies requested additional Sheriff's personnel to respond, specifically personnel equipped with less lethal weapons and a Mental Evaluation Team (MET). Members of the MET were responding but had not arrived at the time of the shooting.

While continuing to speak with Ordaz and ordering him to drop the knife, Ordaz moved closer to deputies, and stun bag rounds were fired at Ordaz. Ordaz stepped backward upon being impacted by stun bag rounds but quickly changed direction and moved toward the deputies while still holding the knife, and a deputy involved shooting occurred.

Ordaz sustained multiple gunshot wounds. Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics, who were staged nearby, arrived within seconds to render aid. Ordaz was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. There were no other persons injured during the incident.

An approximately 12 inch long kitchen knife was recovered from the sidewalk area.

**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 and monitored the investigation.**

**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 the District Attorney's Office investigation is 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.**

**\*\*\* UPDATE \*\*\***

The employees involved in the deputy involved shooting have been identified as Deputy Remin Pineda, Deputy Edwin Navarrete, Deputy Jaime Romero, and Deputy Nathaniel Trujillo.