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LASD Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS) at 1200 block of East 67<sup>th</sup> Street, Unincorporated 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 April 23, 2021, deputies assigned to Century Station along with Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics responded to a residence on the 1200 block of East 67<sup>th</sup> Street, on four separate calls for service. The calls were regarding a male who had overdosed or a male who was suicidal. The male was identified as Miguel De Los Santos.

During the first call for service, at 3:54 a.m., deputies and paramedics located De Los Santos at his residence and he was transported to a local hospital by ambulance regarding a possible drug overdose. De Los Santos was treated in the emergency room and was released later in the day.

During the second call for service, at 5:10 p.m., deputies and paramedics responded to the residence after his girlfriend reported De Los Santos wanted to kill himself. De Los Santos agreed to be voluntarily transported to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation. Paramedics arrived and transported De Los Santos before the arrival of deputies.

While being transported to the hospital, De Los Santos fought with the ambulance personnel inside the ambulance, and attempted to stab them with a pair of scissors before he fled on foot. This generated a third call for service at 5:50 p.m., from a passing motorist near 77<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue. When deputies arrived, neither the ambulance nor De Los Santos were at the location.

De Los Santos returned to his residence after fleeing from the ambulance, and this generated the fourth call for service at 6:10 p.m., when his girlfriend reported De Los Santos was armed with a knife and suicidal.

Deputies and paramedics arrived at the residence within minutes, and found De Los Santos inside the house armed with two knives. Deputies requested a MET (Mental Evaluation Team), and a MET consisting of two psychiatric clinicians and deputy responded.

MET negotiated with De Los Santos to surrender for over two hours while he continually brandished two knives, and would feign to charge at them in an apparent attempt to cause the deputies to shoot him. Ultimately, De Los Santos ran out the back door and circled back into the front yard. He charged forward while waving the knives wildly and

using a metal trash can as a shield. A deputy fired a 40mm Arwen rubber projectile, striking the trash can De Los Santos was holding. Two deputies fired Tasers, one of which struck De Los Santos but only had a minimal effect. De Los Santos made another charge at the deputies, slashing toward them with both knives and a deputy involved shooting occurred. De Los Santos was struck numerous times in the torso.

Los Angeles County Fire paramedics had been on scene during the incident and immediately treated De Los Santos. He was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he received medical treatment.

There were no other persons injured during the incident.

**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 Erasto Granados, and Daniel Velasco.