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LASD Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 39400 block of 167<sup>th</sup> Street East, Lake 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 29, 2021, at approximately 8:39 am, deputies assigned to Lancaster Station received a call for service indicating there was an assault with a deadly weapon in progress. The caller indicated a male Hispanic was pointing a rifle at passing vehicles in the residential street near the location. As the deputies were responding, the call was updated indicating the male was now shooting at vehicles. The male was later identified as Alfredo Aceves, a 64 year-old resident of Lake Los Angeles.

Deputies arrived on scene and made contact with multiple victims who described Aceves. They said he had placed large rocks and debris on the roadway obstructing the flow of traffic. In addition, he was armed with a rifle or shotgun, and had shot at their vehicles as they drove in front of the residence. While speaking with the victims, the deputies heard what they believed to be gunshots. They surrounded the area and requested the assistance of the Special Enforcement Bureau regarding a possible active shooter.

The deputies in a containment position of a rear yard just east of the residence saw Aceves emerge from the residence. Aceves was holding what appeared to be a rifle, pressed up against his shoulder and pointed outwards in front of him. One of the deputies noticed Aceves moving toward other deputies who were staged near the front of the residence. The deputy immediately ordered Aceves to drop the weapon. Aceves failed to comply and continued moving toward the deputies while still holding the weapon and a deputy involved shooting occurred. Aceves was struck by gunfire and fell to the ground.

Special Enforcement Bureau deputies, along with Emergency Services Detail paramedics, immediately responded and administered medical aid to the Aceves but he was pronounced dead at the scene.

There were no other persons injured in the incident.

An object resembling a rifle or shotgun was recovered at the scene. Upon closer examination, it was determined the object was made up of multiple metal rods fastened together with electrical tape and zip ties, and was not capable of firing a projectile.

**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 employee involved in the deputy involved shooting has been identified as Deputy Scott Smith.