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LASD Deputy Involved Shootings (DIS) at 1107 South Hacienda Boulevard, Hacienda Heights and 13361 Crossroads Parkway, City of Industry

***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 Friday morning, August 7, 2020, at about 1:03 am, Rogelio Ochoa, a 22 year-old resident of Santa Fe Springs, entered a CVS Drug Store in La Puente armed with an assault rifle. He announced that he was robbing the business and demanded drugs, but when he realized the pharmacy was closed, he fled in his black Honda Accord.

Witnesses to the robbery flagged down a Sheriff's Deputy near Industry Sheriff's Station and reported the attempted robbery, while additional callers dialed 9-1-1 and reported a robbery in progress at the CVS. Deputies arrived shortly after the suspect left and broadcast the description of the suspect, his rifle, and his car to all Industry Station patrol units.

Minutes later, two deputies assigned to Industry Station saw a vehicle matching the description, stopped at the Shell Gas Station at 1107 South Hacienda Boulevard, Hacienda Heights. When they stopped to investigate, they saw the armed suspect robbing the gas station. When Ochoa exited the gas station, armed with his assault rifle which was equipped with a drum magazine, a deputy involved shooting (DIS) occurred. One deputy fired 11 shots at Rogelio Ochoa, but Ochoa fled the scene in his car and entered the 60 Freeway west.

Deputies broadcast the pursuit as they followed Ochoa onto the freeway. As Ochoa exited at Crossroads Parkway, he lost control of his car and impacted the guardrail, coming to a stop off the roadway. Ochoa ran north from his car, with his rifle slung across the front of his body. Two deputies chased Ochoa on foot toward the Chevron gas station as two additional deputies drove after him and fired at him as he approached the station. When Rogelio Ochoa raised his rifle, three deputies fired 27 shots at Ochoa, striking him and causing him to drop to the ground.

Suspect Ochoa was treated at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics. He sustained a gunshot wound to the face and the chest and was transported to Los Angeles County USC Medical Center

No deputies or other civilians were injured in the incident.

Detectives recovered the LWRC International, M4 .223 caliber rifle with an attached drum magazine, used by Rogelio Ochoa. The weapon had no serial number or markings and was empty of ammunition.

Detectives recovered a .45 caliber Springfield XP, semi-automatic pistol from the interior of Ochoa's vehicle. The weapon was empty, with the slide locked to the rear and the magazine in place. Detectives also recovered spent .45 caliber and .223 caliber casings from inside the vehicle.

Detectives learned that in the hour preceding the attempted robbery at the CVS, Rogelio Ochoa had fired over 50 rounds from his assault rifle during three nearby shooting incidents. No one was injured during those shootings.

**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 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 Adam Nelson, Deputy Sebastian Pombal, and Deputy Juan Ruiz.