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LASD Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS) at 1466 South McDonnell Avenue, Commerce

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 are accurate with the facts as we know them.

On August 22, 2020, at approximately 9:52 pm, East Los Angeles Station deputies received a hit and run just occurred call. The informant of the call stated a vehicle had struck her parked car and the driver of that vehicle left the location in a different vehicle and had now returned.

Deputies arrived and saw the vehicle that struck the informant's vehicle, parked and inoperable. They observed four individuals standing around the vehicle, including 27 year-old Rigoberto Moreno.

Immediately upon exiting their vehicles, one of the deputies observed Moreno lift up his t-shirt with one hand and remove a black semi-automatic pistol from his waistband. A Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS) occurred and one of the men standing next to Moreno was struck by gunfire, one time in the ankle area.

Moreno ran from the scene and fled through Bristow Park, while still holding the semi-automatic handgun. Deputies immediately provided medical care to the individual struck by gunfire until Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics arrived on the scene and he was transported to a local hospital.

A containment of the area was established and Rigoberto Moreno was ultimately found hiding inside a vehicle in the backyard of a residence blocks from the initial location. He was taken into custody without incident.

No deputies were injured during the incident.

Although an extensive search was conducted, the semi-automatic handgun, possessed by Moreno at the time of the shooting was not located.

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 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 Daniel Saldivar.