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LASD Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS) at 1057 West 108<sup>th</sup> Street, 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 October 15, 2020, at approximately 3:35 am, Dana Mitchell Young, a 47 year-old resident of Los Angeles, kidnapped a female victim at gunpoint near the intersection of 103<sup>rd</sup> Street and Figueroa Avenue in the city of Los Angeles. Prior to forcing the victim into his silver colored Volkswagen SUV, he robbed her of \$100.00 cash. Young struck the victim in the head with his pistol and fled the area with the victim seated in the front passenger seat. Once in the vehicle, Young forced the victim to disrobe.

Two witnesses learned of the kidnapping and followed Young's Volkswagen, containing the victim, south on the 110 freeway. Young drove at a high rate of speed in an apparent attempt to prevent the witnesses from following him.

In the area of 127<sup>th</sup> Street and Budlong Avenue, Dana Young stopped his car, exited and fired two rounds from a handgun at the witnesses and another occupied vehicle. Young re-entered his silver Volkswagen SUV and fled north on Budlong Avenue with the kidnap victim.

Fearing they would be shot, the witnesses stopped following the SUV and called 911 to report the incident.

Responding deputies located the Volkswagen, containing Dana Young and the victim, at 11630 Vermont Avenue, backed into a parking spot at the "Park and Ride" lot.

As they approached the vehicle, Deputies saw the unclothed victim in the back seat. Suddenly, Young started the vehicle and drove away through the parking lot toward Vermont Avenue. As the Volkswagen began to accelerate, the victim escaped by jumping out the rear door of the moving vehicle. The victim was cared for by deputies, who summoned emergency medical treatment for her.

Additional Sheriff's deputies initiated a vehicle pursuit of Young, as he was suspected of just committing a kidnapping, armed robbery, attempted rape, and assault with a firearm.

The vehicle pursuit continued until Young crashed his Volkswagen SUV into the metal gate of Woodcrest Elementary School at the end of the cul-de-sac on 108<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Vermont Avenue. Young exited his car and ran east on 108<sup>th</sup> Street toward responding deputies. As Young approached the deputies, he raised a black object in his right hand. Believing the object was his firearm, one deputy fired eight rounds at Young from a distance of less than six feet.

Young was struck by the gunfire and was taken into custody. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

No deputies or other civilians were injured during the shooting. The kidnap victim sustained injuries from the assault, was treated and released.

A loaded .38 caliber revolver was recovered from under the driver's seat of Young's Volkswagen SUV.

Detectives learned the black item in Young's hand at the time of the shooting was a black Covid-19 style mask.

**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 Kevin Walker.