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LASD Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS) at Alondra Boulevard and Piuma Avenue, Norwalk

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 June 23, 2021, at approximately 9:52 a.m., a Los Angeles Police Department Air Unit advised Norwalk Station deputies a white utility box truck traveling near Studebaker Road and Rosecrans Avenue was driving erratically and the driver was possibly under the influence.

Deputies located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop near Barnwall Street and Piuma Avenue. The vehicle pulled over and deputies attempted to call the driver, 28 year-old Frederick Holder, out of the vehicle using a Public Announcement System. Holder refused to exit the vehicle and drove away south on Piuma Avenue.

Deputies followed the vehicle on Piuma Avenue as it merged with traffic from the Alondra Boulevard off-ramp of the southbound 605 freeway. Holder was forced to stop his vehicle due to a red light and heavy traffic. Deputies exited their patrol cars and approached Holder while he was still inside the vehicle. When deputies opened the driver's side door, Holder pointed what they believed to be a firearm at them and a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Los Angeles County Fire department paramedics were immediately requested and responded but Holder was pronounced dead at the scene.

No other persons were injured during the incident.

An object resembling a handgun was recovered at the scene. Upon closer examination, it was determined the object was a lighter with a handle and barrel, configured in an L-shape.

It was determined the vehicle Holder was driving had been stolen earlier in the day in the city of Los Angeles, an area patrolled by LAPD-Central Division.

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.

The employees involved in the deputy involved shooting have been identified as Deputy Jackie Rojas, Deputy Javier Fierros and Deputy Christopher Conger.