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LASD Deputy Involved Shooting (DIS) at 3010 Pico Boulevard, 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 August 26, 2021, at approximately 4:10 pm, Operation Safe Streets detectives were conducting surveillance of a location for 28 year-old Kevin Hernandez who was wanted in connection with a recent murder in the East Los Angeles area. The team of plain clothes detectives observed Hernandez exit the location and enter the front passenger seat of a vehicle driven by a female Hispanic adult.

Detectives followed the vehicle for a short distance, and uniformed deputies in a marked patrol vehicle conducted a traffic stop on Soto Street just north of Washington Boulevard. The vehicle yielded, and deputies gave commands for Hernandez to exit the vehicle with his hands in the air. Hernandez exited the vehicle with his hands in the air but immediately ran eastbound through a parking lot and dirt field.

Detectives followed Hernandez on foot, and while doing so, Hernandez turned toward the detectives several times and pointed a black object at them, which they believed was a firearm. Hernandez rounded a corner and continued running next to a set of train tracks. As one of the detectives chased Hernandez around the corner, Hernandez pointed what was believed to be a firearm at the detective, and a deputy-involved shooting occurred. Hernandez was struck by gunfire and immediately fell to the ground. Detectives approached him and were able to detain him without further incident.

Hernandez was treated at the scene by Los Angeles City Fire Department paramedics. Hernandez was transported by ambulance to a local hospital, where he received medical treatment for non-life-threatening gunshot wounds.

There were no other persons injured in the incident.

The black object the detectives observed Hernandez pointing at them was determined to be a black baseball style cap.

A loaded Hi-Point 9mm semiautomatic handgun was recovered from inside the vehicle Hernandez was riding in.

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.