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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) on Spunky Canyon Road at Power Pole #898688E, Santa Clarita.

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 January 8, 2023, at 7:15 a.m., homicide investigators were conducting a murder investigation of an adult female who had been stabbed to death at Spunky Canyon Road, mile marker 0.35, in the city of Santa Clarita. Deputies assigned to Palmdale Sheriff's Station were assisting homicide investigators by providing crime scene containment security.

As the deputies contained the scene, a male adult walked east on a private dirt access road adjacent to the road where the murder victim was discovered. The private road was secured with barbed wire chain-link fence. The male was later identified as 44-year-old Alon Foster, a resident of Lancaster.

Deputies attempted to speak with Foster but he did not respond and continued to walk east on the dirt road. Deputies gained access to the dirt road and while continuing to speak with Foster, deputies saw Foster holding a knife in one hand.

Deputies continued their efforts to communicate with Foster for over 20 minutes. Deputies ordered Foster to drop the knife several times, but he refused and advanced towards deputies. A Sage Deuce 40mm foam baton launcher was fired at Foster but was ineffective and he continued advancing toward the deputies while armed with the knife, at which time a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Foster sustained gunshot wounds to his torso. Deputies rendered first aid until the arrival the Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics. Foster was pronounced dead at the scene.

A knife, with an approximate eight-inch blade, was recovered at the scene.

There were no other persons injured in the incident.

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 employees involved in the deputy-involved shooting were identified as Deputy Adam Carreon, Deputy Zachary Corrales, Deputy Salvador Diaz Jimenez, Deputy Christopher McDonald, Deputy Jonathan Soria, and Deputy Rigoberto Villa.