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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 1800 block of West Avenue J, Lancaster.

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 Sunday, June 5, 2022, at approximately 1:40 PM, Lancaster Station deputies responded to a business in the 1800 block of West Avenue J in the city of Lancaster, regarding a suicidal person with a knife. A male called 911 and made suicidal statements. The male was later identified as Ricky Jimenez, a 51-year-old Lancaster resident.

Upon arrival, deputies encountered Jimenez holding a knife in his right hand just outside of the location. Deputies ordered him to drop the weapon, but he did not comply. Deputies fired a Taser and a 40MM deuce launcher at Jimenez, but they had minimal effect. Jimenez removed a pistol grip crossbow from his backpack, raised the crossbow in the direction of deputy personnel, and a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Jimenez was struck by gunfire and dropped the crossbow next to him. Deputies approached and rendered medical aid to Jimenez until the arrival of Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics.

Jimenez was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

There were no other persons injured during the incident.

A knife and pistol grip crossbow were recovered at the scene.

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 Danny Soto, Deputy Josef Shirmeister, Deputy Joshua Bueso, and Deputy Travis Long.