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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 300 Block of West Redondo Beach Boulevard, Gardena (Unincorporated Area).

***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 reflect the facts as we currently know them.***

On Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at approximately 12:35 a.m., Compton Station deputies responded to the 300 block of West Redondo Beach Boulevard in the Unincorporated area of Gardena regarding a call of a family disturbance. The informant in the call indicated the disturbing party was at the residence throwing items and was in violation of a restraining order. The disturbing party was identified as 42-year-old Rafael Salazar.

As the deputies approached the residence in their patrol vehicle, the victim, who was the protected person of the restraining order, ran from the residence toward the deputies. Simultaneously, Salazar stood on the raised porch of the residence and discharged a firearm toward the deputies, at which time a deputy-involved shooting occurred. Salazar then retreated into the residence and stated he shot the victim.

Deputies formulated a plan, including less lethal options, and utilized the vehicle's public address system to give Salazar verbal commands to exit the residence. Salazar complied and was taken into custody.

The victim sustained a gunshot wound to the leg. The victim was treated by Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics and was subsequently transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment. The victim was released later that day.

Salazar was struck by gunfire and treated by Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics. He was transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital and medically cleared for booking.

A Polymer 80 "Ghost gun," 9mm semiautomatic handgun, was 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 Jaime Gallegos and Deputy Carlos Gomez.

