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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) at the intersection of North Vincent Avenue and Cypress Street in the unincorporated area of Covina.

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 November 26, 2022, at 10:03 AM, deputies assigned to San Dimas Sheriff's Station responded to North Vincent Avenue and East Edna Place regarding a call of a vandalism in progress. The caller stated a White female was swinging a large metal wrench damaging vehicles as they drove by. Further information on the call indicated the female was last seen walking north on North Vincent Avenue toward Cypress Street. The female was later identified as 25-year-old Bridget Blaney.

As a deputy was responding to the location, Blaney was walking near the northwest corner of North Vincent Avenue and Cypress Street holding a large metal wrench and shattered the passenger window of a vehicle traveling south on North Vincent Avenue. The deputy stopped and exited his patrol vehicle to detain Blaney. She walked toward the backend of his patrol vehicle and smashed the rear window with the wrench. Blaney charged toward the deputy while attempting to strike him with the wrench and a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Blaney sustained gunshot wounds to her torso. Deputies rendered first aid until the arrival of the Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics. She was transported to a local hospital where she was treated for her injuries and medically cleared for booking.

A 10-pound metal wheel wrench, 24 inches in length, 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 employee involved in the deputy-involved shooting was identified as Deputy Ernesto Valencia.