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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 6100 block of Clarkson Avenue, Maywood.

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 26, 2023, at 5:38 a.m., Operation Safe Streets Bureau detectives executed a search & arrest warrant at a residence in the 6100 block of Clarkson Avenue, Maywood. The detectives were serving the search warrant for a female adult who was wanted in connection with an assault with a deadly weapon where a handgun was used in the assault.

Upon execution of the search and arrest warrant, detectives conducted “knock and notice” notifications and identified themselves as law enforcement officers to the occupants inside the residence. Two occupants were detained by detectives without incident. While continuing to call out to additional occupants, a male, later identified as 70-year-old Miguel Lopez, was inside his residence holding a firearm. Detectives gave Lopez numerous commands to drop the firearm, but he refused. Lopez advanced towards detectives and pointed the firearm at them, at which time a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Lopez sustained gunshot wounds to his torso. He was treated at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics and pronounced dead at the scene.

A loaded .357 caliber revolver 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 Edward Martinez and Deputy Marc Elizondo.