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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 37500 block of Oxford Drive, Palmdale.

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 February 10, 2023, at 10:22 p.m., Palmdale Station deputies responded to a residence in the 37500 block of Oxford Drive, Palmdale, regarding a domestic violence call. The caller stated her husband, 34-year-old Byram Everett, hit her and put her in a headlock.

Deputies arrived and contacted the victim on the front porch of her residence. She said Everett was mentally ill, suicidal and had assaulted her. Deputies conducted a protective sweep of the residence to locate Everett.

Deputies located Everett, who was armed with a sword, in the backyard of the residence. Everett advanced toward the deputies while swinging the sword. The deputies gave Everett verbal commands to drop the sword; however, he did not comply. A deputy fired a 40mm foam baton launcher and almost simultaneously, a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Everett was struck by gunfire and fell to the ground. The deputies rendered medical aid until the arrival of Los Angeles County Fire paramedics. Everett was transported to local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

There were no other persons injured in the incident.

A sword, approximately three feet in length, 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 employee involved in the deputy-involved shooting was identified as Deputy Blake Runge.