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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 15200 block of South Stanford Avenue, Compton.

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 31, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., Operation Safe Streets Bureau Parole Compliance Team deputies were conducting a parole apprehension operation at a residence in the 15000 block of Wadsworth Avenue, Compton. The deputies were attempting to locate 36-year-old Mario Bustillos at his last known residence. Bustillos had an outstanding no bail warrant for violation of his Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) terms.

While checking the area for Bustillos, deputies located him walking near the intersection of Compton Boulevard at Redondo Beach Boulevard. Bustillos produced a firearm and shot at the deputies, striking their vehicle, at which time a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Bustillos ran to a residence in the 15200 block of McKinley Avenue and barricaded himself inside the garage. Deputies contained the area and requested Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) personnel to respond.

During the barricade operation, Bustillos fled from the residence on foot. While in front of a residence in the 15200 block of Stanford Avenue, Bustillos shot at several deputies who were on containment positions and a second deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Bustillos sustained gunshot wounds to his torso. He was treated at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics and transferred to a local hospital for treatment.

A loaded .40 caliber semiautomatic firearm with an extended magazine 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 Edwin Barajas, Deputy Leonel Leon, Deputy Victor Garcia, Deputy Timothy Cho, Deputy Chase Morales, and Deputy Steve Medina.