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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 7100 block of Eastern Avenue, Bell Gardens.

***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 June 22, 2023, at 4:31 a.m., a deputy assigned to East Los Angeles Station was driving his patrol vehicle approaching the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Florence Avenue in the city Bell Gardens. The deputy observed the driver of a vehicle, later identified as 45-year-old Jesus Cerda, performing “circular” maneuvers in the middle of the intersection.

The deputy drove his patrol vehicle into the intersection to warn and block oncoming traffic. Cerda deliberately rammed his vehicle into the deputy’s patrol vehicle.

While the deputy was seated in the driver’s seat of his patrol vehicle, Cerda reversed and continued to intentionally ram the driver’s side of the deputy’s patrol vehicle. As Cerda proceeded to ram the patrol vehicle three additional times, a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Cerda was struck by gunfire and stopped his vehicle in the intersection. Cerda was detained by responding deputies and medically treated by Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics. Cerda was transported to a local hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

The deputy was also transported to a local hospital for injuries he sustained during 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 Taylor May.**