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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 3000 block of Diamond Bar Boulevard, Diamond Bar.

***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 19, 2023, at 11:36 a.m., Walnut Station deputies responded to the 2900 block of Crooked Creek Drive, Diamond Bar, regarding a call of a male in the street firing a rifle. The male was later identified as 30-year-old Benjamin Chin.

Chin was wearing a ballistic vest and was armed with a rifle. Responding deputies arrived on scene and utilized their patrol vehicle's public announcement system (P.A.) to order Chin to drop his weapon. Chin ignored their commands and continued to walk east on Crooked Creek Road towards Diamond Bar Boulevard.

Deputies followed Chin at a distance and continued making P.A. announcements, pleading for Chin to drop his weapon. Chin walked into oncoming traffic in the 3000 block of Diamond Bar Boulevard, causing a vehicle to come to a complete stop. Responding deputies exited their patrol vehicles and continued to give Chin verbal commands to drop his weapon. Chin refused their orders and walked towards the driver of the stopped vehicle, while holding his rifle in the low-ready position, at which time a deputy involved-shooting occurred.

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

It was later determined that Chin fired his rifle, stabbed his mother, and pointed his rifle at a pedestrian.

Chin's mother was treated for a stab wound. No other persons were injured during this incident.

A loaded "ghost gun" rifle, loaded rifle magazines, expended .223 caliber shell casings and body armor were 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 employees involved in the deputy-involved shooting were identified as Deputy Marisol Barajas and Deputy Hector Vazquez.**