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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 14600 block of Cahita Avenue, Unincorporated area of 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 June 13, 2024, at 7:46 p.m., deputies assigned to Compton Station responded to a call of a potentially intoxicated individual armed with a gun in the 14600 block of Cahita Avenue, in unincorporated Compton. The caller indicated that a Hispanic male was in the backyard of a residence, possibly under the influence of drugs, and had discharged a firearm. The male was later identified as 30-year-old Jerman Magana from the City of Compton.

Deputies located Magana in the backyard and instructed him to exit with his hands raised. Magana initially retreated out of sight before reappearing on the roof inhaling from an air canister. Despite repeated commands to come down and communicate with deputies, Magana refused to comply and instead demanded the deputies shoot him.

Deputies contained the area and requested an airship. A Sheriff's airship arrived and began orbiting above the location. Magana was observed armed with a shotgun, which he then discharged into the air. Deputies, who were positioned in a nearby residence, witnessed Magana firing at the airship, at which time a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Magana was struck by gunfire, dropped his shotgun, and fell down on the rooftop. Special Enforcement Bureau deputies were requested to assist in apprehending Magana. Special Enforcement Bureau Emergency Detail paramedics also responded and administered first aid until Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel arrived. Magana was pronounced dead at the scene.

No other persons were injured in the incident.

An inspection of the airship revealed impact marks to the helicopter blade.

A 12-gauge shotgun 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.