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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 37000 block of 20th Street East, 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 June 17, 2024, at 7:52 p.m., Palmdale Station deputies responded to the intersection of 20th Street East at East Avenue R, Palmdale, regarding an attempted carjacking call. Several callers stated a White male, armed with two knives, attempted to enter several occupied vehicles. The male was later identified as 42-year-old Jason Baker of North Hollywood.

Deputies located Baker near the 37000 block of 20th Street East, Palmdale, wielding two knives. He was given numerous commands to drop the knives and surrender, but he refused to comply. Baker made suicidal statements and stated he wanted deputies to kill him. He also threatened to take hostages and shattered the window of a nearby apartment unit. The interaction between the deputies and Baker lasted for approximately 35 minutes. During that time, several less lethal 40mm baton rounds were used on Baker in an attempt to subdue him, to prevent him from harming the public, and to take him into custody.

Baker began walking rapidly toward the deputies while wielding both knives, and a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Baker was struck by gunfire and fell to the ground. Deputies tactically approached him and rendered aid until the arrival of Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel. Baker was transported to a local hospital where he received medical treatment and was medically cleared for booking.

There were no other persons injured during the incident.

Two folding knives, with approximately three-inch blades, that were in the locked open position were recovered at the scene.

It was later determined Baker had previously been involved in a shoplifting incident at a nearby business, where the two folding knives were stolen.

Subsequent to this incident, Baker was charged with a felony weapon violation, and three misdemeanor violations for vandalism, shoplifting, and exhibiting a deadly weapon.

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 whether 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.