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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) in the 1000 block of West Avenue J-12, Lancaster.

***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 7, 2025, at 7:07 p.m., Lancaster Sheriff's Station deputies responded to an armed robbery call in the 1200 block of Meadow View Circle in Lancaster. The caller described a male Hispanic adult wearing a black shirt and jeans who robbed the victim at gunpoint and fled the scene on foot, heading eastbound. A deputy searching the area for the robbery suspect observed a male, later identified as 31-year-old Erick Berrios, matching the suspect's description in the 1000 block of West Avenue J-12.

Believing Berrios was involved in the robbery, the deputy detained Berrios at gunpoint and requested additional units to respond to his location. As deputies attempted to detain Berrios, he physically resisted and was taken to the ground. Deputies gave Berrios commands to stop resisting, but he refused to comply and armed himself with a handgun. Deputies became aware that Berrios was armed with a gun. A deputy fired a TASER at Berrios as Berrios simultaneously fired his pistol, striking a deputy, at which time a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Deputies rendered medical aid to Berrios pending the arrival of Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel. Berrios was pronounced dead at the scene.

One deputy was transported to a local hospital via ambulance and admitted for treatment of a gunshot wound to his lower torso.

No other deputies or persons were injured during the incident.

A loaded 9mm semiautomatic ghost gun 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 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.**