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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) on the 3000 block of Sullivan Avenue, Rosemead.

***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 October 22, 2025, at approximately 5:05 p.m., Temple Sheriff's Station deputies responded to the 3000 block of Sullivan Avenue, Rosemead, regarding a mentally unstable person call. The caller stated a male was armed with a rifle, suicidal, and wanted to harm his family members who were inside the home with him. The male was later identified as 41-year-old Jason Thai.

Upon arrival, deputies established telephonic communication with Thai. Thai stated that he wanted to harm himself, his juvenile son, his elderly father, and stated he would harm any deputies who came near or on his property.

Mental Evaluation Team (MET) Crisis Negotiation Team deputies arrived on scene and continued speaking with Thai on the phone. During the communication, deputies heard the distinct clicking sound of a firearm being manipulated. The Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) arrived on scene and assumed control of the Hostage Rescue Team operation.

Communication between the MET Crisis Negotiation Team deputies and Thai had been ongoing for several hours. Despite several attempts to peacefully de-escalate the incident, Thai refused to exit his home and surrender to deputy personnel. Thai further escalated the seriousness of the situation as he described his intention to kill his family members, who he was holding hostage, at a specified time. Thai cut off communication with deputies and, without warning, exited the residence armed with a high-powered assault rifle. Thai walked down the driveway toward the street, at which time a deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Thai was struck by gunfire and fell to the ground. Deputies approached Thai and rendered medical aid until the arrival of Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel. Thai was pronounced dead at the scene.

No deputies or other persons were injured during the incident.

A loaded high-powered assault rifle was recovered at the scene.

**LASD Homicide investigators responded to the scene to conduct interviews, follow up, and process the scene. Representatives from the 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.**

**The employees involved in the deputy-involved shooting were identified as Sergeant Darell Edwards, Deputy John Montenegro, and Deputy Stephen Williams.**