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LASD Deputy-Involved Shooting (DIS) southeast of the 23300 block of East Avenue M, 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 March 15, 2026, at approximately 1:29 p.m., Lancaster Station deputies responded to the 23300 block of East Avenue M, Lancaster, regarding a shots fired call. The caller stated a male Hispanic adult wearing a black tank top was shooting an assault rifle at neighbors. The male was later identified as John Doe. John Doe's name will not be released at this time pending next-of-kin notification.

Deputies arrived on scene and were flagged down by three victims who reported Doe had fired a shotgun at them. Two victims were struck by gunfire, sustained non-life-threatening injuries and were treated at the scene. The victims stated that Doe fled on foot. Deputies relayed this information to an assisting airship, which located Doe in a nearby fenced property. Deputies responded to Doe's location and observed him standing behind a travel trailer. Doe produced a handgun and fired multiple rounds at the deputies, resulting in a deputy-involved shooting.

While still armed with the handgun, Doe retreated to a makeshift building within the fenced property. Shortly after, Doe emerged from the doorway of the makeshift building, and a second deputy-involved shooting occurred.

Doe was struck by gunfire and fell to the ground. Deputies coordinated a tactical approach and rendered medical aid to Doe pending the arrival of Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel. Doe was subsequently pronounced deceased at the scene.

No deputies or other persons were injured during the deputy-involved shooting incident.

One .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun and one 12-gauge pump action shotgun were recovered at the scene.

**LASD Homicide investigators responded to the scene to conduct interviews, follow up, and process the scene. Representatives from Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB), and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) also responded and monitored the investigation. Representatives from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) were notified but did not respond.**

**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.**

**The employees involved in the deputy-involved shooting were identified as Sergeant Jacob Winter, Deputy Abraham Rosales, Deputy Louie Herrera and Deputy Sergio Soto.**