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Phone number: (909)388-4912

Release Date: 12-12-15

Issuing Employee: Sgt. Cervantes

Type of Case: Officer Involved Shooting

Date/Time occurred: 12-12-15, 11:26am

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Location of occurrence: 500 block N. Tia Juana, San Bernardino

VICTIM

Name: Being withheld

Age:

City of Residence: San Bernardino, CA

Hospital: N/A

SUSPECT

Name: Being withheld

Age: 49-years

City of Residence: San Bernardino, CA

Lodged At: N/A

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT:

On 12-12-15 at approximately 11:26am a San Bernardino police officer was flagged down by a subject reporting that he had just had some type of confrontation with another male, who was reported to be armed with a large knife. The suspect, who was angry and violent, stabbed at the reporting party's vehicle before retreating into a house in the 500 block N. Tia Juana.

The officer went to the house to attempt contact with the suspect, who was later identified as being a 49-year-old male. As the officer was walking toward the front entrance, he could see a male, later identified as the same suspect who had threatened the original reporting party, in the doorway holding an adult female in one hand with a large knife in his other hand against the female in a threatening manner. There were also two juveniles visible in the house. The officer repeatedly told the suspect to drop the knife but he failed to comply. The female attempted to

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move away from the suspect, who was obviously in an agitated state as the suspect, who was wielding the knife, shouted something to the effect of “Shoot me”.

In order to protect himself, the two adult females and two juveniles, all of which were in close proximity to the suspect, the officer fired several rounds from his duty weapon striking the suspect.

The suspect was transported to a local hospital for treatment but later died as a result of the injuries he sustained.

This is an on-going investigation. Additional information will be disseminated as it becomes available. Anyone with additional information on this investigation is asked to contact Det. Flesher at (909)384-5655 or Sgt. Brett Birnbaum at (909)382-5659.

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