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Occurrence Date: July 14, 2022

INCIDENT: Officer Involved Shooting

Ontario, Calif. – Ontario Police responded to a call of a male threatening customers with a knife, which led to an officer-involved shooting.

Just after 10:45 P.M., Ontario Police Dispatch received multiple calls from the Mobil gas station located in the 4300 block of East Ontario Mills Parkway regarding a male threatening customers with a knife and demanding money.

The first responding officer arrived at the location within three minutes of dispatch receiving the call. The officer encountered the male outside the gas station, who was armed with a metal weapon in each hand. The male immediately charged the officer, aggressively swinging the weapons in the direction towards the officer. The officer retreated to the rear of his police vehicle, attempting to deescalate the situation. The male refused to follow commands and continued charging toward the officer, resulting in an officer-involved shooting.

Officers provided immediate medical aid to the male. The Ontario Fire Department responded and provided additional medical treatment. The male was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

At the scene, investigators later recovered the two weapons, that were determined to be metal forks. No officers or victims were injured during this incident. There are no outstanding suspects. The male's identity will be released through the San Bernardino County Coroner's Office once notifications are complete.

As outlined by Ontario Police Department policy, the shooting is being investigated by the Ontario Police Department in coordination with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's office as a parallel investigation. Surveillance video from the business captured the suspects actions leading to the officer involved shooting, see attached video.

Investigators are asking anyone that was contacted by the suspect prior to this incident to contact the Ontario Police Department at 909-986-6711, or Detective Kyle Mena at 909-408-1769. Information may also be reported anonymously by calling WE-TIP at (800)78-CRIME or online at www.wetip.com.



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