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Officer Involved Shooting near Foothill Boulevard/City Center Drive

HAYWARD, Calif., September 7, 2023 – Yesterday, at about 9:40PM, officers were dispatched to reports of a man armed with a gun near the 22000 block of City Center Drive. Witnesses called and reported that the man pointed a gun at them, then left the area on foot.

As officers responded, witnesses provided a description of the man as well as the direction he was last seen walking.

Officers arrived on scene and located a man matching the description provided by witnesses in the area the subject was last seen walking. Officers tried to speak with the man, who was uncooperative and walked away from them.

A witness provided information that the man then pointed what appeared to be a firearm in the direction of officers, and this is when the officer involved shooting took place.

The man was then taken into custody and received medical treatment at the scene. Medical personnel responded to render aid, however the man was pronounced deceased at the scene. The Hayward Police Department is working with the Alameda County Coroner's Office to formally identify the involved subject, and we have no identifying information to release at this time.

Two officers were involved in the shooting and were uninjured as a result of the incident. We are not releasing any identifying information of the officers at this time, as witness and officer testimony are still being gathered and analyzed and this case is still in the preliminary stages of the investigation.

A firearm was recovered underneath the man after he was taken into custody and was later determined to be a BB gun.

The officers body worn cameras were activated and captured the incident.

There are no outstanding suspects and there is no ongoing risk to the community related to this incident.

Acting Chief Matthews provided the following statement regarding this incident:

“Any loss of human life is tragic and last night’s incident was no exception. My heart goes out to the decedent and those involved, including the involved City of Hayward employees. The Hayward Police Department takes all incidents involving the use of force seriously and we are committed to ensuring fair, impartial investigations are conducted based on all available facts and evidence.

We recognize the community entrusts us with the legal authority to carry out our duties and we do not take that responsibility lightly. The Hayward Police Department remains committed to transparency with our community and, although we are in the preliminary stages of this investigation, we intend to provide additional information once it becomes available.”

This is a multifaceted investigative effort that involves the Hayward Police Department, the District Attorney’s Office, and an independent third-party consultant of subject matter experts in officer’s use of deadly force. The Department of Justice has also been notified about this incident and advised they are not responding at this time.

The Hayward Police Department case number is: 2023-50715.