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HAYWARD PD RELEASES CRITICAL INCIDENT VIDEO

HAYWARD, Calif., June 26, 2020 - The Hayward Police Department today released police officer body-worn camera video, 911 recordings, and other information relevant to a June 1, 2020, officer-involved shooting that occurred at the CVS shopping center located at 26059 Mission Blvd.

Initially, the body-worn camera and other audio was withheld to preserve the integrity of the investigation in the interest of justice for all parties involved. It is and remains a valid concern.

“I want to share details of that event, including body-worn camera video, so you can have as much information as possible as we investigate the incident,” said Hayward Police Chief Toney Chaplin.

At 4 a.m., we had a 911 call that people were looting the CVS pharmacy. The 911 caller also said they heard possible gunfire.

Multiple officers responded and began to detain two men in a parked car. Suddenly, several other cars began to leave the parking lot at a high rate of speed. One of those cars, a Gold, Ford Flex made a U-turn and drove directly at one of our officers standing outside of his patrol car.

Believing he was going to be intentionally hit or killed by the vehicle, Officer Samuel Tomlinson discharged his service weapon at the driver to stop the threat. The vehicle veered away from the officer and continued past him. Officer Stephen Akacsos then fired his weapon at the driver as he believed his partner had either been shot or struck by the vehicle. As a result of the shooting, the driver, a 17-year old male from Stockton, was struck.

The vehicle crashed and the driver ran and hid in nearby bushes where he was located a short time later. The driver sustained what was described as a grazing wound by medical staff, treated, and released from a local hospital. The driver was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer and booked at the Juvenile Justice Center. The Alameda County

District Attorney's Office released the suspect from custody pending submittal of the completed investigation.

Three other people were taken into custody in connection to this incident. No officers were injured during this incident.

As the discharge of service weapons took place in this incident, it is being investigated by the Hayward Police Department's Criminal Investigations Bureau and Internal Affairs Unit to determine what occurred and if our officers acted within policy. The Hayward Police Department conducts thorough use of force investigations, which typically require investigators to interview multiple witnesses, view numerous hours of video footage, and analyze a significant amount of forensic evidence. We are still in the process of conducting this investigation and our understanding of this incident may change as additional evidence is collected, analyzed, and reviewed. We also do not draw any conclusions about whether the officers acted consistent with our policies and the law until all the facts are known and the investigation is complete.

The body-worn camera video footage, 911 dispatch recordings, and other information was made available on our social media platforms. It can also be found on the critical incident briefing page of the HPD website at www.hayward-ca.gov/critical-incident