



VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Press Release

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Officer Involved Shooting

On May 28th 2012 at 0001 hours, two officers from the Vallejo Police Department were working a Driving under the Influence saturation patrol program. Their detail is to look for drivers who are driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs. In the area of Santa Clara Street and Indiana Street, the officers saw a white 1999 Lexus driving without its headlights on. The Lexus was traveling at a high rate of speed and was not stopping at controlled intersections. The officers activated their emergency lights and sirens in an attempt to stop the Lexus. The Lexus continued to drive at a high rate of speed and was not yielding to the marked Vallejo Police unit.

The Lexus led the officers onto Wilson Avenue and into the cul de sac. The Lexus continued to drive behind the apartment complex in the 200 block of Wilson Avenue. The Lexus came to a stop, the driver and two passengers fled on foot in different directions. The driver of the vehicle who was on foot was doubling back through the apartments. As the pursuit was continuing additional officers were driving to the area in order to assist the DUI car. A two-officer car had stopped in the cul de sac and one of the officers began running towards the car stop behind the apartment.

The suspect and the cover officer met each other in between the apartments. The officer had his service weapon drawn and told the suspect to stop and put his hands up. The suspect did not comply and continued running towards the officer. The officer began backing up and telling the suspect several times to show him his hands.

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The suspect had his hands in his waistband area of his hooded sweat jacket. The suspect reached into his pocket and pull out a dark colored metal object. The officer believed the suspect was now armed, was in fear the suspect was going to kill him or shoot other officers. The officer fired his service weapon and struck the suspect several times. The suspect fell to the sidewalk but tried to get up. The officer began telling the additional officers that the suspect had a gun.

The suspect was immobilized by another officer who used his taser. He was immediately handcuffed and the officers performed life saving procedures and asked for fire and medical personnel to respond to Wilson Avenue. The suspect was transported by ground ambulance to John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek where he died of his injuries at 0534 hours this morning. The suspect is a 42 year old Vallejo resident. His name is being withheld until family members are notified. An autopsy will be scheduled this week by the Solano County Coroner's Office.

The passenger from the right front seat had ran south towards Farragut Avenue and hid from officers. A perimeter was set up and a police canine was used to search for the passenger. He was eventually found hiding in some bushes in the residential area. Anton Barratt, 18 years of age was taken into custody. Barratt sustained some minor injuries as a result of the police canine. Also injured was the handler who sustained bites from the canine. Both were treated at local hospitals and released. Barratt was later booked into the Solano County Jail in Fairfield for resisting arrest. The passenger from the back seat fled north bound towards Hichborn Street and has yet to be identified and is still outstanding.

Investigators from the Vallejo Police Department and the Solano County District Attorney's Office were called in to conduct the joint investigation of the shooting. This joint investigation will follow the

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Solano County Officer Involved Fatal Incident Protocol established by all the law enforcement agencies in the county.

The officer involved in the shooting is a seven year veteran police officer and was interviewed by investigators. He was placed on paid administrative leave as per our department's policy.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information on this case is encouraged to contact Detective Mat Mustard or Detective Fabio Rodriguez of the Vallejo Police Department's Major Case Section at 1-800-488-9383.

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