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Vallejo Police
Press Release
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Officer Involved Shooting with Armed Suspect
March 21, 2015



On March 21, 2015, at 5:47 pm, the Vallejo Police Department received a 911 call from a citizen who was driving through the parking lot of the Target Center near Sleep Train when his car was struck by a beer bottle. The citizen immediately noticed a man armed with a large knife standing next to a dark colored truck appearing extremely agitated. The citizen requested the police to respond.

Minutes later, a uniformed officer arrived on scene and located the dark colored truck and the agitated male suspect. The uniformed officer exited his patrol vehicle and was immediately confronted by the male suspect who was armed with a large knife. The officer observed that the suspect had a firearm stuck in his waistband. The officer ordered the suspect to drop the knife several times, but the suspect refused to comply and advanced on the officer. The officer discharged his firearm striking the suspect.

Once the suspect was taken into custody, the officer seized the knife, and recovered the firearm from the suspect's waistband. Upon further examination of the firearm, it turned out to be a replica firearm.

The suspect was transported to a local trauma center where he was pronounced dead at 7:50 PM. The suspect's name will not be released pending notification of family. The suspect had previous contacts with law enforcement to include gun related charges.

As a result of this investigation, officers located a note inside the suspect's vehicle. The note was a letter of apology for the trouble, which the suspect caused; in addition, he apologized to the Police that were forced to end his life.

The Solano County Fatal Incident Protocol was initiated as a joint investigation between the Solano County District Attorney's Office and the Vallejo Police Department will commence. As standard protocol, the involved officer has been placed on administrative leave.

Anyone with information related to this event is encouraged to contact Detective Sean Kenney at 707-648-4524

Media can contact the Vallejo PD at 707-651-7147.

Citizens can provide information to the Vallejo PD at 800-488-9383.

Citizens can also provide information anonymously to the Solano Crime Stoppers™ tip line 707-644-STOP. Solano Crime Stoppers™ offers cash rewards for phone tips that solve violent and/or serious crimes.

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