



# San Diego County Sheriff's Department

## Homicide Unit

### Media Information

**SUBJECT:** Officer Involved Shooting – Update

**LOCATION:** Interstate 805 North of Orange Avenue, Chula Vista

**DATE/TIME:** October 15, 2020 / 2:00 p.m.

**OFFICERS:** California Highway Patrol:  
Sergeant John Holm  
Officer Pakko Mendez  
Officer Javier Mendoza  
Officer Lauren Chi

San Diego Police Department:  
Sergeant Michael Pidgeon  
Officer Patrick Harvey

**SUSPECT:** Christopher Ulmer, 30-years-old

The San Diego Sheriff's Department is committed to being open and transparent with the public. The following link is a Public Incident Video Brief regarding an officer involved shooting that took place on October 4, 2020.

<https://spaces.hightail.com/space/hTQ2KntfUQ>

Information from third release from San Diego Sheriff's Department:

*The San Diego Sheriff's Department Homicide Unit is continuing to investigate this incident.*

*The California Highway Patrol personnel involved in the shooting have been identified as:  
Sergeant John Holm who has been employed for twenty-two years.  
Officer Pakko Mendez who has been employed for eleven years.  
Officer Javier Mendoza who has been employed for seven years.  
Officer Lauren Chi who has been employed for three years.*

*All are assigned to CHP, San Diego Area.*



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*The San Diego Police Department personnel involved in the shooting have been identified as:*

*Sergeant Michael Pidgeon who has been employed for twenty-six years.*

*Officer Patrick Harvey who has been employed for seven years.*

*Both are assigned to SDPD, Canine Unit.*

*All officers are on administrative leave per their respective agency's policy.*

*Information from second release from San Diego Sheriff's Department:*

*On October 4, 2020, at about 1:00 a.m., officers with the California Highway Patrol and San Diego Police Department were involved in an officer involved shooting on Interstate 805 north of Orange Avenue, in the city of Chula Vista. An adult male was shot and transported to a local hospital for treatment. Unfortunately, the male was pronounced deceased.*

*Due to the multiple jurisdictions involved, the San Diego Sheriff's Department Homicide Unit responded and assumed responsibility of the investigation.*

*The Medical Examiner's Office conducted the autopsy today and has identified the male as Christopher Ulmer, a thirty-year-old resident of Whitter, California. The victim's family has been notified of his death. The preliminary cause of death is multiple gunshot wounds and the manner of death is homicide.*

*Information from first release by California Highway Patrol:*

*On October 4, 2020, CHP San Diego Area units were involved in a multi-Area pursuit, which originated in Orange County. The pursuit terminated on Interstate 805 southbound, north of Orange Avenue, within the City limits of Chula Vista, where an officer involved shooting occurred involving CHP and the San Diego Police Department. The suspect was pronounced deceased at a local area hospital. No officers were injured in the shooting. All lanes of Interstate 805 southbound, north of Orange Avenue will be shut down for several hours to conduct the investigation.*



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*The San Diego County Sheriff's Department is conducting an investigation into the officer involved shooting and all media inquiries should be directed to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.*

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (858) 285-6330/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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