

San Diego County Sheriff's Department Homicide Unit Media Information

SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting Update

LOCATION: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center

DATE/TIME: March 17, 2018 / 8:00 p.m.

SUSPECT: Osbaldo Jimenez Ramirez, age 50

The following information is fragmentary and has not been completely verified. It is based, in part, on hearsay and is intended for early information use rather than being a formal investigative report.

Saturday night, just after 7:30 p.m., Escondido Police Officers responded to a 9-1-1 call of a family disturbance in the 1400 block of Timber Glen in the city of Escondido. As officers were conducting their preliminary investigation, a possible suspect was seen leaving the area in a vehicle. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver fled, with officers in pursuit. Officers pursued the vehicle into the Valley Center area and requested assistance from Sheriff's Deputies and San Pasqual Tribal Police, as the pursuit approached the Valley View Casino.

The suspect stopped near the entrance to the casino and exited the vehicle while holding a handgun and an officer involved shooting occurred. The suspect was struck by gunfire, and no one else was injured in the shooting. The suspect was treated at the scene by Valley View Casino Medics and transported to a local hospital by Rincon Fire Department Personnel. Despite lifesaving efforts, he died at a local hospital. The man has been identified as fifty-year-old Osbaldo Jimenez Ramirez, of Escondido.

The officer involved in the shooting has been identified as Terrence Pizzuti, who has been an Escondido Police Officer since 2013. Upon completion, the Sheriff's Homicide Unit's investigation into this officer involved shooting will be submitted to the District Attorney's Office for review.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Unit at (858) 974-2321/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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