



# San Diego County Sheriff's Department

## Homicide Unit

### Media Information

**SUBJECT:** Use of Force Related Investigation

**LOCATION:** 4730 Highway 76, Fallbrook CA

**DATE/TIME:** August 16, 2018 / 4:34 a.m.

**VICTIM:** Withheld

**SUSPECT:** Withheld

*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.*

At about 4:34 a.m. this morning, deputies from the Fallbrook Sheriff's Substation responded to a call for service at Circle K/Mobil gas station located at 4730 Highway 76, in Fallbrook. The 9-1-1 caller stated there was a male adult inside the location, acting strangely and refusing to exit the business when employees asked him to leave. The suspect was believed to possibly be under the influence of drugs. Deputies arrived at about 4:46 a.m. and contacted the man.

When the deputies attempted to evaluate the man, he became combative and a struggle ensued, as the male resisted attempts to safely detain him. Two men who were driving by also stopped and helped the deputies as they tried to gain control of the suspect. The force used by deputies to control the male included the use of a Department-issued Taser Conducted Energy Device (CED). The suspect bit a deputy's hand during the altercation. He was ultimately detained and the WRAP restraint was utilized to restrict his movement in an attempt to de-escalate the situation and facilitate safe transport.

Deputies requested Medics from the North County Fire Protection District come to evaluate the male. The Fire Department arrived and prepared to transport the suspect to the hospital. The male went into medical distress and became unresponsive inside the ambulance before being transported to a local hospital, where he remains. He was stabilized but his prognosis is uncertain. Detectives from the San Diego Sheriff's Homicide Detail responded to the scene and are investigating. The injured deputy will require sutures to close the hand wound.

The investigation is continuing.

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

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