



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Unit

Media Information

SUBJECT: Second Update to Pauma Valley Deputy Involved Shooting

LOCATION: 15000 block of Adams Drive, Pauma Valley

DATE/TIME: December 20, 2018 / 4:12 p.m.

VICTIMS: Deputies Cory Crawford, Jared Muli, and John Avedesian

SUSPECT: Jose Nieto, Age 28

Updated information:

The deputies who were shot at by Jose Nieto in Pauma Valley are Cory Crawford, Jared Muli and John Avedesian. Deputy Crawford is assigned to the San Marcos Sheriff's Station and has been a deputy since 2012. Deputy Muli is assigned to the Valley Center Sheriff's Substation and has been a deputy since 2005. Deputy Avedesian is assigned to the Poway Sheriff's Station and has been a deputy since 2017.

Information from prior releases:

Jose Nieto, a twenty-eight-year-old Pauma Valley man was arrested for three counts of PC 664-187(A) Attempted Murder of a Peace Officer and three counts of PC 245 (D)(1) Assault of a Peace Officer with a Firearm. He was booked and is being held without bail, under guard at a local hospital. He will be arraigned this week.

On December 20th, Deputies responded to a 9-1-1 call from a man who said he needed help and didn't feel safe in his home. As the deputies approached the front door, they were met by gunfire from within the home. All three deputies returned fire, established a perimeter around the home and called for additional resources, including the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Detail (SED). After attempts to establish communication with the male were unsuccessful, SED Deputies entered the home and found a male inside with an apparent gunshot wound to his lower body.

The male was taken into custody for the attempted murder of a peace officer and transported by ambulance to a local hospital for treatment. He is expected to survive. The deputies were not injured.

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

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