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APD Releases Details of Recent Officer-Involved Shooting

ALBUQUERQUE – The Albuquerque Police Department released details today of a recent officer-involved shooting.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

Date of Incident: **Dec. 2, 2021**

Location: **2600 Americare Ct., N.W.**

On Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, officers in the Northwest Area Command responded to a ShotSpotter activation that captured six gunshots at 7:31 a.m. in the area of Sol de Vida NW, which is just west of the Villa Hermosa apartment complex.

As officers were responding, a resident of the apartment complex, located at 2600 Americare Ct. N.W., called 911 and reported hearing the gunshots. Officers arrived at the apartment, which was near the shooting incident reported by ShotSpotter. Officers located bullet casings outside the apartment and confirmed with a neighbor that the shots appeared to have been fired by someone staying at the apartment.

Officers checked the history of the apartment to identify the occupant, and they discovered recent police calls involving the occupant's brother, later identified as 16-year-old Jesus Lopez. Officers also discovered Lopez had an active felony warrant from Sandoval County for his arrest related to a violent incident in Bernalillo.

Two people exited the apartment and were briefly detained and released by officers. Officers heard more voices in the apartment and saw Lopez as he looked outside. Officers gave several commands over a loud speaker telling Lopez he had a warrant and he was not free to leave. They told Lopez to exit the apartment with his hands up and free.

At 9:27 a.m., a female exited the apartment and followed directions from officers. Within a minute, Lopez exited the apartment. He headed west from the apartment and started running southbound on a sidewalk, away from the officers who were giving him commands. An officer yelled out that Lopez had a gun.

As Lopez fled southbound, he encountered three additional officers who had taken cover behind another apartment. A fourth officer was behind an APD vehicle that was in the path Lopez was running. One of the officers who had taken cover saw Lopez armed with two handguns and running toward the fourth officer. The officer fired three rounds, striking Lopez.

Officers treated Lopez for his wounds as emergency responders arrived and transported Lopez to a local hospital.

Lopez had an active bench warrant in Sandoval County for Aggravated Battery with a deadly weapon against a household member. He will be booked into the Juvenile Detention Center on the warrant as soon as he is released from the hospital.

Suspect: **Jesus Lopez (11/2/2005)**

Involved Officer:

- **Dillon Sather**, who has been with the department since 2021, has not been involved in a prior officer-involved shooting.

Over the next several months, APD will continue to investigate and analyze this incident. Detectives will continue interviewing any new witnesses that come forward and complete any forensic tests. After the investigation is complete, APD's Force Review Board will forward the findings to the Superintendent of Police Reform to determine if this incident met the high standards of the Albuquerque Police Department. The Multi-Agency Task Force will forward its case to the District Attorney's Office to make any determination of criminal charges.

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