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APD Releases Details of Recent Officer-Involved Shootings

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The Albuquerque Police Department released details today of recent officer-involved shootings.

Nov. 4, 2018 -- 950 Louisiana Blvd. SE

Summary of incident:

- A woman called 911 at 2:20 p.m. and stated there was a loud argument in the hallway of the apartment complex located at 930 Louisiana Blvd. SE. She said she opened her door and heard a single gunshot. A second woman called 911 three minutes later and said there was a man standing in the parking lot with a gun.
- Officers arrived north of the apartment complex at 2:30 p.m. They established a force array to provide several tactical options as they approached the parking lot. They soon encountered a man with a gun to the south of their position. An officer gave a verbal command for the man to show his hands. At that point, the man pointed a gun directly at the officers. Officer Franco discharged one round from his handgun, which caused the male to go to the ground. Officers gave multiple commands for the man to stay on the ground and not to reach for the gun. The man stood back up and reached down to pick the gun up off the ground. All three officers discharged their weapons and the man fell to the ground. He died at the scene.

Offender: Anthony Chavez (DOB: May 10, 2000)

The officers involved in the shooting were:

- Officer Carlo Franco, who has been with the department since October 2013. He has not been involved in prior officer-involved shootings.
- Officer Christopher Duda, who has been with the department since November 2015. He has not been involved in prior officer-involved shootings.
- Sgt. Larry Middleton, who has been with the department since November 2007. He has not been involved in any prior officer-involved shootings.

Nov. 18, 2018 – 3912 67th St NW

Summary of incident:

- Officers in the Northwest Area Command were dispatched at 12:32 a.m. to a domestic dispute. A woman told 911 operators her husband was intoxicated, arguing with her and throwing items in the house. She said her husband was armed with a handgun, which she disassembled and hid from him. She sent her children across the street to a neighbor's house, and eventually took her infant with her to the neighbor's house.
- Officers arrived at 12:43 a.m. to try to make contact with the wife at the neighbor's home. They saw the man, armed with a rifle, walking back and forth between his garage and the street. Officers set up a force array, and attempted to talk with the man, who was non-compliant, and threatened to kill officers. The man stated he "has them in his sights" and "has a bead on them."
- At 1:04 a.m., Officer Barnhill saw the man raise his rifle toward officers, and Officer Barnhill fired one shot at the man, not sure whether he hit him. Moments later, the man fired several shots at officers who are using a police Tahoe for cover. A few moments later, Officer Barnhill returned fire at the man. The man went back into his house. The man exited the house at 1:17 a.m., and was taken into custody. Officers rendered aid and transported the man to an ambulance which was waiting down the street. The man had one gun shot wound to his right shoulder.

Offender: Anthony Juarez, DOB: 8/13/88

- Current charges: Attempt to Commit a Violent Felony – Murder, 5 counts

The officer involved in the shooting was:

- Officer Tavish Barnhill, who has been with the department since June 2012, first as a PSA and then as a police officer starting October 2014. He has not been involved in any prior officer-involved shootings.

Dec. 12, 2018 – 6319 Kiowa Ave. N.E.

Summary of incident:

- A woman called 911 at 4:23 p.m. Dec. 12, 2018, and reported a man wearing a red sweatshirt, with dark curly hair, who approached her as she walked west along the Hahn arroyo in the Northeast Area Command. The man pointed a gun at her chest and demanded her money. Officers were dispatched to the call at 4:25 p.m.
- A second caller to 911 reported at 4:31 p.m. that two different people told him a man in a red sweatshirt had attempted to rob them along the Hahn arroyo.
- An officer arrived at San Pedro Drive and the Hahn arroyo at 4:33 p.m. and saw the suspect running east along the arroyo. He later saw the man jump into the backyard of a residence three houses east of California Street (6313 Kiowa Ave. NE).
- The officer heard four gunshots and screaming coming from the area. The man in the red sweatshirt was observed jumping a wall into the yard of the house to

the east (6319 Kiowa Ave. NE). The homeowner arrived in the area and stated his three children were home alone at 6313 Kiowa Ave. NE, and someone had entered the house and shot their dog. Officers made contact with the children, and helped them safely exit the residence. Officers conducted a safety check of the residence, and located the family dog, Bartleby, deceased in the house from a gunshot wound.

- As officer cleared the area along the east side of the residence, they observed movement behind a black wheelbarrow. The subject who was hiding behind a wheelbarrow, appeared and raised a handgun, pointed directly at Officer Moore. As Officer Moore gave verbal commands, he discharged his rifle to stop the subject's actions. The suspect died at the scene.

Offender: Gabriel Romero DOB 6/2/1999

The officer involved in the shooting was:

- Officer Doug Moore, who has been with the department since August 2003. He has not been involved in any prior officer-involved shootings.

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