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APD releases details of recent officer-involved shooting

ALBUQUERQUE – The Albuquerque Police Department released details today of an officer-involved shooting on July 2, 2019.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

Date of Incident: **July 2, 2019**

Location: 101 General Stilwell Rd NE

An APD detective was conducting undercover surveillance in the area of Central Ave. and General Stilwell RD NE on the night of July 2, 2019. As he sat in civilian clothes in an unmarked vehicle, the detective noticed a black vehicle drove by him headed north on General Stilwell. The vehicle returned, driving south, and drove toward the front of the detective's car, blocking him in.

An adult male, later identified as Casiano Coronel, exited the black vehicle and ran toward the detective's car, armed with a handgun. Coronel tried opening the detective's car door, but it was locked. Coronel banked on the window with the handgun, trying to break it. The detective yelled to Coronel, but Coronel continued to try to break the glass.

The detective later told investigators that he reached for his own handgun in the driver's door, Coronel fired a shot through the driver's window, missing the detective. The detective returned fire. Coronel fired several shots into the window and the side and front of the detective's vehicle, but none of the rounds struck him. The detective did not realize at the time, but one of his rounds struck Coronel in the chest.

Following the gunfire, the detective lost sight of Coronel as the black vehicle drove away. The detective called for backup and responding units followed the black vehicle as it returned to the shooting scene. Two people were seen loading Coronel into the car. Another APD unit arrived and made public address announcements for the occupants to exit the car with their hands up.

The male driver and a female passenger exited the car, but the female returned inside to be with Coronel who was fatally wounded. After a 40 minute stand-off, officers got the female to exit the car, and they took Coronel out and handcuffed him. They called paramedics, but Coronel died at the scene.

Subject: **Casiano Coronel, 21**

Involved Officers:

- **Detective in sensitive unit**, who has been with the department since 2008, has not been involved in prior officer-involved shootings.

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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