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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 April 5, 2019.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

Date of Incident: **April 5, 2019**

Location: **339 Grove St SE**

April 2nd, 2019, 3:14 p.m.

A resident reported her 2011 red Hyundai Sonata stolen from her apartment at 238 Tennessee St. NE through the Telephone Report Unit.

April 5th, 2019, 4:26 p.m.

The auto theft victim called 911 to report she observed her stolen vehicle at 1100 San Mateo Blvd. NE at which time she began following her stolen vehicle. As she was on the line with 911, she advised the occupant of her stolen vehicle was in possession of a firearm. APD supervisors heard the call over the radio and advised dispatch to instruct her to stop following her stolen vehicle for her safety and make contact with officers. The woman refused to stop as instructed and continued to follow her stolen vehicle.

Officers arrived in the area and observed the white Elantra pursuing the red Sonata. As officers attempt to make contact with both parties, they observe the original caller fire several shots at the red Sonata. Officers conduct a high risk traffic stop on the white Elantra and detained the woman and the driver of the vehicle. A child was also located in the vehicle and taken into protective custody.

The stolen red Sonata continued from the traffic stop into the neighborhood. Detectives located the Sonata on Grove St. between Bell Rd. and Trumbull Rd. SE.

Uniform officers locate the stolen red Sonata and initiate a high risk traffic stop. Detectives placed a spike belt in the path of the stolen vehicle to assist with the stop. The offender ran over the spike belt and refused to stop. The offender continued through the stop sign at Grove St. and Bell Rd. and collided with a silver Toyota Camry. The offender of the stolen vehicle exited the passenger side door and fled on foot from officers.

Officers pursued the offender on foot who ran between the apartment buildings located between 335 and 339 Grove St. Officers gave numerous commands to “stop and get on the ground!” The offender refused and attempted to jump a fence while pointing a firearm at the pursuing officer.

The officer responded by discharging his firearm at the offender stopping his actions.

Subject: **Pedro Escalante, 26**

Involved Officer:

- **James Sullivan** who has been with the department since 2011, 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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