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APD, State Police Release Details of July 18 Officer-Involved Shooting in Northwest Albuquerque

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Today, the Albuquerque Police Department and New Mexico State Police released details of the July 18 officer-involved shooting in which an offender was fatally wounded. APD and State Police officials reviewed details, photos and a 911 call related the incident.

Two officers shot the offender, Arthur Lujan, 30, after Lujan fired one round toward officers with a Glock 40-caliber handgun. Lujan was also armed with a Mossberg .223 Rifle at the time of the shooting.

The fatal shooting occurred at 6715 Black Volcano Rd., N.W. following a 9-hour stand-off between police and Lujan, who was wanted for a murder that occurred the previous morning in Southwest Albuquerque.

APD released audio today of the 911 call from the victim of that earlier homicide, Anthony Sandoval. He called 911 as a man approached and shot him several times while he sat in his vehicle. The victim told the 911 operator he had been shot while he was still on the phone. The victim identified Lujan by name as the shooter before the line went silent.

APD homicide detectives tracked Lujan to the home of his girlfriend, Brittany Sandoval, and their 1-year-old child. Detectives reached Brittany Sandoval on the phone, and she informed officers that Lujan was at the residence. She told a detective that Lujan said he had shot Anthony Sandoval, who was Brittany's ex-husband.

Detectives successfully talked Brittany into leaving the residence with her child and Lujan's parents. As they left, Lujan barricaded himself inside.

APD's SWAT team and crisis negotiators were activated and attempted to negotiate Lujan's surrender. The State Police SWAT team was also called to assist. However, Lujan resisted all attempts to negotiate. After eight hours of attempted contact, tactical teams used chemical munitions and removed physical barriers at the home to try to provide Lujan with an avenue for surrender.

Lujan was observed within the residence utilizing military-type tactics and wearing a gas mask. He also staged weapons and ammunition throughout the residence. He eventually appeared from a hiding place in the garage, pointed his handgun at officers, and fired one round. Two officers – one from APD and one from State Police – each fired one round, striking Lujan.

Lujan was pronounced deceased on scene at about 1:30 a.m.

The officers involved in the shooting were:

- APD officer Justin Jones, who has been with the department since November 2007. This is his first officer-involved shooting.
- State police Officer Michael Mariscal, who has been with NMSP since 2009.

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