



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Detail

Media Information

SUBJECT: Deputy-Involved Shooting Update

LOCATION: SR-125 Northbound, North of Grossmont College Drive, Santee

DATE/TIME: September 8, 2017 / 6:58 p.m.

VICTIM: Withheld

SUSPECT: Robert Westbrook (Age 31), a transient white male.

The following information is fragmentary and has not been completely verified. It is based, in part, on hearsay and is intended for early information use rather than being a formal investigative report.

On September 8, 2017 at about 6:40 p.m., deputies from the Sheriff's Santee Station responded to a report of a male threatening to commit suicide. At about 6:55 p.m. a deputy located the subject inside a vehicle parked on the right shoulder of the Northbound Highway 125, just north of the Grossmont College Drive exit. After the deputy made contact with the male, the man exited his vehicle, armed with what appeared to be a handgun. A confrontation ensued, which culminated in a deputy-involved shooting. The facts surrounding the confrontation are currently under investigation by the Sheriff's Homicide Detail.

The suspect was treated at the scene by deputies before medics transported him to a local hospital, where he underwent successful surgery to repair multiple gunshot wounds. He is expected to survive. The male has been identified as 31 year old Robert Westbrook, a transient white male, living out of his vehicle. Westbrook was charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon and his bail was set at \$50,000. The involved deputy was not injured. The deputy's name will be released in the next week.

The investigation has revealed the suspect was in possession of a realistic replica of a semiautomatic pistol, which apparently fires BB's, pellets, or similar spherical plastic pellet projectiles. Sheriff's Detectives have obtained witness statements indicating Mr. Westbrook stated an unfortunate intent to have a law enforcement officer shoot him.



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Below is a photo of the weapon found in Mr. Westbrook's possession and recovered from the scene.



Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Detail at (858) 974-2321/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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