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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 May 14, 2019.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

Date of Incident: **May 14, 2019**

Location: **2550 Coors Blvd NE**

APD officers arranged an undercover meeting with a 21-year-old male, identified as Christopher Cordova, who was wanted by police for two separate convictions. When a police vehicle approached a car with Cordova and two others at the Walmart on Coors Blvd., and I-40, Cordova jumped out of the vehicle and fled on foot.

Cordova ran across Coors and through parking lots. An undercover detective approached in an unmarked truck and engaged with Cordova. The detective was wearing a vest with a large badge and the word "Police." The detective gave commands for Cordova to get down on the ground. In a later interview with investigators, the detective said Cordova pointed a gun at the detective. The detective fired two shots, missing Cordova. As Cordova started to run, the detective fired two more shots, also missing.

While running, detectives saw Cordova hide two guns in bushes before surrendering. Both handguns were recovered. Cordova was charged with being a Felon in Possession of a firearm.

Subject: **Christopher Cordova, 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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