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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 Aug. 22, 2019.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

Date of Incident: **Aug. 22, 2019**

Location: **340 Eubank NE**

An individual called 911 at 12:14 p.m. and reported a male in a white shirt at the bus stop near Copper NE and Eubank NE had just pointed a gun at him. The caller refused to identify himself to 911 and refused to meet with police. An officer was dispatched in reference to this call, but was unable to positively identify the individual the caller described.

Another person called 911 around 3 p.m. stating there was a male at the bus stop on Eubank NE near Copper NE waving a black handgun around and pointing it at vehicles. The male was tossing the gun from hand to hand and putting his finger to his lips motioning to stay quiet. The male was described as wearing a white and blue jersey.

Several officers were dispatched to respond to the call. The Wendy's fast food restaurant at Eubank NE and Copper NE was designated as the spot where officers would meet and create a plan before attempting to contact the male.

Another person called 911 and reported a male at the bus stop armed with a pistol. The male was "pulling the action back," and pointing it at traffic. The male was described as in his 50's, grey hair, grey shirt with blue sleeves.

A few minutes later, an officer was contacted by an unknown female in the parking lot of the Wendy's who stated she had just observed a male down the street pulling his shirt up and pulling a gun out of his pants.

Due to limited resources, there was no way to stop additional pedestrian/vehicular traffic from entering the "Hot Zone." There were numerous exit and entry points from the parking lots of the retail shops and restaurants. Officers made the decision to use their own bodies as "wall" to place themselves between the armed male and the public.

As Officers moved into the lanes of northbound Eubank NE, one officer began to give the male commands to put his hands in the air. Multiple officers observed a handgun in the waistline of the male's pants and alerted the other officers. The male was told to keep his hands away from his waistband or force would be used against him. The male refused to comply with any further commands. The male suddenly pushed himself off the ground and sat on the bus bench. The male then stated "I'll do what I...." and made an overt act to grab the front of his pants in the area of his waist band where the gun had been observed. An officer deployed a 40 mm launcher, striking the male in the left knee.

The male grabbed the gun and began to remove it from his pants. Three officers reported they discharged their weapons in response to the male grabbing the grip of the gun. As officers approached the male, a black handgun was visible on the male's lap indicating he had removed it from his waistband. Officers discovered there was a string tied to the trigger guard of the gun, which was attached to the male's sweat pants.

Officers attempted to render aid to the male, to include CPR, the male was pronounced deceased on scene.

Subject: **Roger Shafer, 57**

Involved Officers:

- **Paul Durham**, who has been with the department since 2011, has not been involved in prior officer-involved shootings.
- **Kyle King**, who has been with the department since 2010, has not been involved in prior officer-involved shootings.
- **Randy Serrano**, who has been with the department since 2010, 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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