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APD Releases Details of April 18 Officer-Involved Shooting

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The Albuquerque Police Department released details today of recent officer-involved shooting on April 18, 2019.

Summary of OIS:

Thursday, April 18, 2019 - 524 Vermont NE

- Officers were dispatched at 8:48 p.m. to a reported home invasion at an apartment complex located at 524 Vermont N.E.
- The caller indicated a male individual forced entry into his apartment, armed with a handgun. He also stated he was blindfolded, and had to get off the phone because the offender was still present.
- Officers arrived on scene at 8:54 p.m. and made contact with an individual who
 was outside of the apartment. The individual matched the description of the
 offender.
- Officers began communication with the male who was uncooperative and refused to follow instructions to show his hands. The individual retrieved a concealed firearm and fired several shots at officers.
- Officers returned fire, striking the offender twice. The offender, later identified as Dominic Detwiler, was subsequently transported to the hospital. He remains at the hospital while he recovers from his injuries.
- Civilian witnesses on scene were interviewed and a female stated she observed the male shoot at officers.
- The victim of the home invasion was later interviewed and stated the individual broke into his apartment the day before and took jewelry and other items.

Offender: Dominic Detwiler, (5/18/1999)

Criminal Charges:

- Robbery
- > Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer with a Deadly Weapon

The officers involved in the shooting:

- Officer Andrew Hinkle, who has been with the department since August 2015. He has not been involved in prior officer-involved shootings.
- Officer Vince Salas, who has been with the department since August 2015. He has not been involved in prior officer-involved shootings.
- Officer Pete Tartaglia, who has been with the department since August 2015. He has not been involved in prior officer-involved shootings.

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