

City of Anaheim
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY



November 13, 2023

Ms. Amy Parker

amyipdev@csu.fullerton.edu

Re: Public Records Act Request (*Gov. Code § 7920.000, et seq.*)
Request No. 10312023-2

Dear Ms. Parker:

The City of Anaheim (“City”) received your recent Public Records Act requests on October 31, 2023. Therein you requested copies of the following:

- “All bodycam footage pertaining to the APD shooting of Abigail Lopez on October 29, 2023 [and]...the shooting that occurred on October 3, 2023;”
- All other communications and records (excluding police reports) from within the Anaheim Police Department...over these two incidents;”
- “All media inquiries received by the Anaheim Police Department pertaining to these incidents;”
- “Copies of all complaints and investigative documents pertaining to the officers involved in these shootings that are disclosable under the CPRA;” and
- “All public comments and communications received by the City of Anaheim...pertaining to these incidents.”

Please note that records containing the information you seek may be withheld at this time, redacted and/or have information extracted from them pursuant to the following exemptions to the Public Records Act:

- The records contain personal contact information (*Gov. Code, §§ 7923.600 et seq. and 7922.000; Penal Code § 832.7(b)(5)(A)(B)*);
- The records are subject to the public interest exemption (*Gov. Code § 7922.000*);
- Medical records and information regarding the same are exempt from disclosure pursuant to *Government Code § 7927.705*, which incorporates the prohibitions against the disclosure of such information contained in the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act [*Civil Code § 56 et seq.*] and *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)*;
- The records may consist of notes and/or drafts (*Gov. Code § 7927.500*); and
- The records are related to ongoing investigations by the Orange County District Attorney’s Office at this time, therefore they are exempt from disclosure pursuant to *Penal Code § 832.7(b)(7)(A)(i)*.

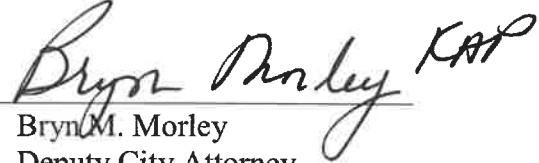
Subject to, and without waiving, the foregoing exemptions, the City has identified records responsive to your request. Copies of the records are being provided to you herewith at no cost as there are fewer than ten (10) pages. It is the City’s practice to produce records amounting to ten (10) pages or less free of charge.

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Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Theresa Bass in the City Clerk's Office or the undersigned. Thank you for your kind cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

ROBERT FABELA, CITY ATTORNEY

By:  ^{KAT}
Bryn M. Morley
Deputy City Attorney

Enclosures, as noted
cc: Theresa Bass, City Clerk
Susana Barrios, City Clerk
Joanne Zaratan-Webster

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ANAHEIM POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RELEASED BY: Sgt. Jon McClintock

FATAL OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

ANAHEIM, Calif. (October 29, 2023) – Anaheim police officers responding to the reports of an armed subject fatally shoot a 20-year-old Anaheim woman. A BB or pellet gun, resembling a legitimate firearm, was recovered at the scene.

On Sunday, October 29, 2023, at approximately 9 a.m., Anaheim Police Officers responded to the 1200 block of S. Anaheim Blvd. regarding a subject who was armed with a rifle. As officers arrived to the area, a confrontation occurred between a woman, later identified as Abigail Lopez, and several Anaheim officers near Anaheim Blvd. and Ball Rd. An officer-involved shooting occurred, and Lopez was struck at least once by police gunfire. Lopez was treated at the scene by Anaheim police officers and personnel from Anaheim Fire and Rescue. Lopez was transported to a local hospital, where she later died.

A BB or pellet gun that resembled a legitimate short-barrel assault weapon was located at the scene. No officers were injured as a result of the shooting.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office responded to initiate the investigation into the circumstances of the officer-involved shooting. Anaheim PD Homicide Detectives, the Anaheim PD Major Incident Review Team (MIRT), Anaheim PD Internal Affairs, and personnel from the Anaheim Police Review Board (PRB) and Office of Independent Review (OIR) also responded to the incident.

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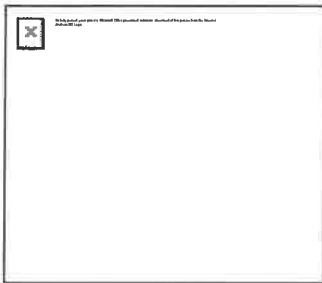
From: Jonathan McClintock
Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2023 8:26 PM
To: Jonathan McClintock
Subject: Anaheim PD Press Release - Officer-Involved Shooting
Attachments: 10292023 - Officer-Involved Shooting Anaheim Blvd. - Ball Rd..pdf

Good evening,

Refer to the attached press release for further details regarding this morning's officer-involved shooting.

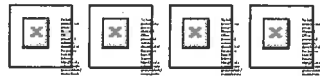
If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.

Regards,



Sergeant Jon McClintock
Public Information Officer (PIO)
Anaheim Police Department

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From: Rick Armendariz
Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Rick Armendariz
Cc: Jim Vanderpool; Gregory Garcia; Mike Lyster; Jonathan McClintock; Danielle Best
Subject: City Council Notification - Officer Involved Shooting

Mayor, City Council, and City Manager,

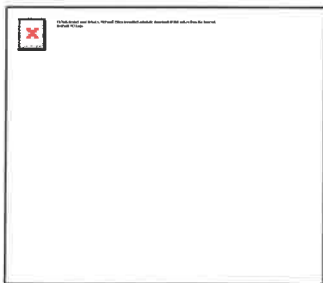
Today, at approximately 9 a.m., Anaheim PD Officers responded to the area of Anaheim Blvd. and Winston Rd. regarding a subject who was armed with a rifle. Upon officers' arrival, they located a subject near Anaheim Blvd. and Ball Rd. A confrontation occurred between the subject and several officers, and an officer-involved shooting occurred. The subject, an adult woman, was transported to a local hospital, where she later died. No Officers or citizens were injured.

A replica BB or pellet gun was recovered at the scene. The BB or pellet gun looks similar to a legitimate short-barrel assault weapon.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office is responding to investigate the officer-involved shooting. Anaheim PD's Homicide Detail, Internal Affairs, and Major Incident Review Team also responded to investigate the incident. Investigators will be at the scene for the next several hours. Both directions of Anaheim Blvd., between Ball Rd. and Winston Rd., will be shut down for several hours.

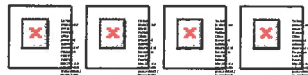
The Department's PIO will be issuing a press release soon.

Respectfully,



Rick

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From: Rick Armendariz
Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2023 3:02 PM
To: _Police
Cc: Danielle Best
Subject: Department Notification - Officer Involved Shooting

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide the Department with information regarding an officer-involved shooting that occurred this morning.

Today, at approximately 9 a.m., Patrol officers responded to the 1200 block of S. Anaheim Blvd. regarding a subject armed with a rifle. As officers arrived to the area, a confrontation occurred between a subject and several officers. The confrontation lead to an officer-involved shooting. Fortunately, no officers were injured.

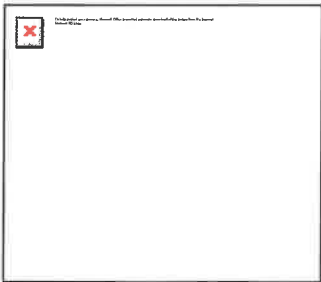
A weapon, believed to belong to the subject, was recovered at the scene.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office responded to investigate the officer-involved shooting. Anaheim PD's Homicide Detail, Internal Affairs, and Major Incident Review Team also responded to investigate.

Please respect the Officers' privacy regarding the officer-involved shooting and continue to look out for one another.

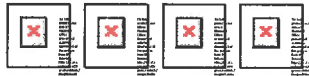
I am truly grateful for the dedication and sacrifices you display every day.

Thank you,



Rick

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From: Rick Armendariz
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:54 PM
To: Rick Armendariz
Cc: Jim Vanderpool; Gregory Garcia; Mike Lyster; Danielle Best; Jonathan McClintock
Subject: Council Notification - Officer Involved Shooting

Mayor, City Council, and City Manager,

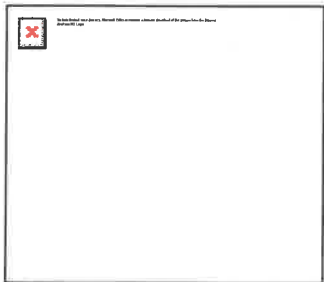
Today, at approximately 1:07 p.m., Anaheim PD Officers attempted to arrest a sexual assault suspect in the 300 block of W. Orangewood Ave. The suspect ran from Officers, causing Officers to pursue him. A confrontation occurred between the suspect and several officers at the intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Orangewood Ave., and an officer-involved shooting occurred. The suspect, an adult male, died at the scene. No officers or citizens were injured.

A knife, believed to belong to the suspect, was recovered at the scene.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office responded to investigate the officer-involved shooting. Anaheim PD's Homicide Detail, Internal Affairs, and Major Incident Review Team also responded to investigate. In addition, representatives from the City Attorney's office, Risk Management, OIR and Police Review Board were notified and responded.

Investigators will be at the scene for the next several hours. Traffic on Harbor Blvd. and Orangewood Ave. have been impacted due to the incident. The Department's PIO will be issuing a press release soon.

Respectfully,



Rick

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From: Rick Armendariz
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 6:02 PM
To: _Police
Cc: Danielle Best
Subject: Department Notification - OIS

Good evening,

I wanted to provide the Department information regarding an officer-involved shooting that occurred this afternoon.

Today, at approximately 1:07 p.m., Crime Task Force Investigators attempted to arrest a sexual assault suspect in the 300 block of W. Orangewood Ave. The suspect ran from Officers, causing Officers to pursue him. A confrontation then occurred between the suspect and several Officers at the intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Orangewood Ave., and an officer-involved shooting occurred. The suspect, an adult male, died at the scene. Fortunately, no officers or citizens were injured.

A knife, believed to belong to the suspect, was recovered at the scene.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office responded to investigate the officer-involved shooting. Anaheim PD's Homicide Detail, Internal Affairs, and Major Incident Review Team also responded to investigate.

Please respect the Officers' privacy regarding the officer-involved shooting and continue to look out for one another.

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