



WALNUT CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

Chief of Police Thomas Chaplin

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For Immediate Release

WCPD CASE NUMBER: 19-17413

DATE / TIME OCCURRED: June 2, 2019 at 4:41 p.m.

LOCATION: Arlene Lane, Walnut Creek

CRIME DESCRIPTION / CODE: Officer Involved Shooting

INVOLVED SUBJECT: 23 year old male from Walnut Creek

This investigation is in its early stages. Information could change as the investigation continues

Walnut Creek Police are investigating an officer-involved shooting that took place today, June 2, after multiple 911 calls regarding a disturbance at a home on Sandra Court. The first 911 call was received at 4:41 p.m. The caller said her grandson came into her room and threatened her. The dispatcher could hear a male voice yelling in the background. At 4:42 p.m., Walnut Creek Police received a call from a nearby resident, who said he could hear an argument and possibly a gunshot. At 4:47 p.m., WCPD spoke to a second resident from where the disturbance was occurring. The caller reported her son was being violent and threatened her with a metal pole. The woman said her son has mental health problems and will be aggressive with police. The woman said he broke a sliding glass window and had a metal pole with a pointed end.

Officers arrived at 4:52 p.m. At 4:53 P.M., WCPD dispatch received another 911 call from another resident on Sandra Court. The caller said a man was pounding on his front door, had a red bandana over his head and face, and a giant crow bar in his hand.

Officers searched the neighborhood and found a man with a long pry bar with a pointed end walking on Arlene Lane towards a residence. Officers gave multiple commands, ordering him to drop the pry bar. He ignored those commands, and ran towards the officers with the pry bar. One officer shot multiple less-than-lethal kinetic energy rounds (also referred to as bean bags) at the man. He continued to run at the officers, resulting in two officers firing their handguns at him. He was struck and fell to the ground, but attempted to get up. Officers were able to subdue him, and provided lifesaving measures, including CPR until paramedics arrived on

the scene. He was transported to John Muir Hospital where he later died from his injuries. His family has been notified. The Coroner's office will be releasing his name. The Walnut Creek Police Department is deeply saddened by this event as any loss of life is tragic.

The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office and the Walnut Creek Police Department are actively working on this ongoing investigation. The five officers who were on scene will be interviewed and placed on paid administrative leave during the investigation. We anticipate releasing the officer's Body Worn Camera footage on a later date.

If anyone has information regarding this crime please call Walnut Creek Police Department immediately at 925-935-6400 or Detective Greg Leonard at 925-256-3523.

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