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**Update: Officer Involved Shooting – SLO Regional SWAT
Assault with a Deadly Weapon**

UPDATED MESSAGE: The investigative report into the July 06, 2021, fatal shooting of Steven Adam Calderon by members of the San Luis Obispo Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team has been completed by the San Luis Obispo D.A.'s Office Bureau of Investigations. The report is currently being reviewed by the D.A.'s Office and the release of video will no longer affect the investigation into the shooting. An official report of the review is forthcoming from the San Luis Obispo's D.A.'s Office.

Recent California legislation requires increased transparency regarding incidents of this nature. In an effort to meet those requirements the Paso Robles Police Department is releasing body worn footage, drone footage and other material pertinent to the investigation, so that our community can have a better understanding as to what transpired that day.

WARNING – The following video contains graphic images and language. It is not suitable for all viewers.

Link to Video here: <https://youtu.be/VQTW2ewqICI>

ORIGINAL MESSAGE: PASO ROBLES, CA – On Tuesday, July 06, 2021, at approximately 1:15am, members of the San Luis Obispo Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team were involved in a fatal shooting while attempting to arrest an armed and barricaded suspect.

The suspect, a 32-year-old man from Los Angeles, was shot by SWAT when he failed to surrender and instead reached for a handgun. The suspect was pronounced dead and the handgun was recovered at the scene. No bystanders or police officers were injured.

The PRPD led investigation began earlier in the day at approximately 4pm, near the 2400 block of Branch Creek Circle, Paso Robles. Officers were dispatched to the apartment complex after reports the suspect had discharged a firearm from the balcony of an apartment. The suspect also allegedly pointed the same gun at **[a female victim]** and threatened to shoot her.

According to Police Chief Ty Lewis, “I requested the assistance of the SLO Regional SWAT team due to the high-risk nature of this situation. The suspect was armed with a gun and had barricaded himself in an apartment, refusing to cooperate with officers. The suspect fired several shots at officers while they attempted to negotiate with him. This situation posed extreme risk to the community and officers. Unfortunately, this event ended tragically when the suspect ignored officer commands and reached for his gun. The officers were left with no choice but to defend themselves.”

SWAT medics and Paso Robles Emergency Services personnel provided immediate treatment to the suspect, but he ultimately succumbed to his wounds.

The San Luis Obispo Regional SWAT team is composed of officers from the Paso Robles Department and officers from several other police agencies in the County including the San Luis Obispo, Pismo Beach, Morro Bay, Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande, and California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo Police Departments. All the members of the Regional SWAT team are integrated into one combined organizational team including key leadership positions.

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