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Report of the Law Enforcement Involved Fatal Incident Investigation IVAN SANDOVAL
San Pablo Police Department on February 16, 2021

SUMMARY

On February 16, 2021, at approximately 7:59 a.m., San Pablo Police personnel were watching an unoccupied stolen vehicle in the parking lot of a business, located at 2701 El Portal. The stolen vehicle's license plate had been picked up by the Automated License Plate Reader and personnel at the San Pablo Police Dispatch Center were alerted.

During the surveillance by the San Pablo PD Officers, they observed a single male subject enter the car, after exiting the business. Officers followed the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The officers turned on their emergency lights, to signal the driver to pull over.

The driver, who was later identified as Ivan SANDOVAL, did not yield to the officer's emergency lights to pull over and continued to drive away from the officers. The officers activated their sirens and SANDOVAL then sped up and attempted to evade the officers.

SANDOVAL proceeded N/B away from the officers on San Pablo Ave and was approaching the major intersection of San Pablo Ave and Richmond Parkway. Due to the speed SANDOVAL was traversing and the heavy traffic conditions at the approaching intersection, San Pablo PD personnel terminated their pursuit of SANDOVAL.

SANDOVAL continued to accelerate through the intersection of San Pablo Ave and Richmond Parkway. SANDOVAL entered the intersection at a high rate of speed he lost control of his vehicle as it continued N/B on San Pablo Ave. SANDOVAL's vehicle was in an uncontrolled skid and jumped the center median and was traveling toward oncoming traffic. SANDOVAL collided with a vehicle. SANDOVAL's vehicle was split in half and SANDOVAL was ejected from the vehicle. San Pablo Police Department personnel attempted CPR and other life saving measures on SANDOVAL. SANDOVAL was later pronounced deceased at the scene by paramedic personnel.

The Contra Costa County Law Enforcement Involved Fatal Incident Protocol (LEIFI) was activated. The California Highway Patrol was requested to the scene and investigated the collision with their Multidisciplinary Accident Investigations Team (MAIT). All San Pablo PD Officers involved in the pursuit were sequestered and the LEIFI investigation was initiated.

This report is the final step in the CCCDAO investigation.

As part of the Protocol process, the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office and the involved agencies conduct independent criminal investigations. The purpose of the criminal investigation is to determine whether any of the involved individuals, officers, or civilians, committed a crime."

Based on the LEIFI investigation into this case, it was determined that IVAN SANDOVAL lost control, struck another vehicle, and died as a result of his injuries from the collision. No force was using by any police officer before, during, or after the pursuit of IVAN SANDOVAL.

Pursuant to CALCRIM 500: Homicide is the killing of one human being by another. In the present case, IVAN SANDOVAL lost control of the stolen vehicle and crashed as a result of his reckless driving.

Accordingly, there is no evidence to support a criminal prosecution against any of the involved officers or civilians. As such, no further action will be taken in this case. A link to the investigative summary may be **found here**.