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Subject: **OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING - UPDATE**

Deceased: Julian C. Alexander, age 20, resident of Anaheim

On Tuesday morning, October 28, 2008 at approximately 1:30 AM, a uniformed Anaheim Police officer was on-duty driving a marked patrol vehicle in the area of Muller Street and Bayport Circle. The officer reported over the police radio four subjects had just run away from him, and he believed a burglary may have just occurred. He further said subjects were jumping over fences in the residential area. Seconds later, the officer broadcast he had been involved in a shooting and one individual had been shot (This individual was later identified as Julian Alexander). He added the other subjects were continuing to run from the area. Paramedics arrived, treated and transported Mr. Alexander to a local hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased. Additional officers arrived, surrounded the area and searched for the other males. Four males have been detained and are being questioned by investigators.

While this case remains an active investigation and complete details of what led to the shooting are unknown, we have discovered the following facts: A group of four juvenile males were in the area of Muller Street north of Lincoln Avenue during this early morning hour. When they saw the patrol vehicle make a U-turn towards their direction, they ran from the police officer. The officer exited his car and ran after the four suspects. The group separated and the suspects ran in different directions through the apartment complexes making noise and arousing residents.

While we cannot speculate on exactly what transpired, at this stage we believe Mr. Alexander heard the males running through his property. The investigation determined he armed himself with a club-style weapon and went outside to investigate the commotion. As some of the subjects ran through his property, the police officer came around the corner and encountered Mr. Alexander who was holding the club in his hands. The officer shot Mr. Alexander while the suspects ran from the area.

As part of our regular practice to ensure transparency in all cases of major use of force, which includes officer-involved-shootings: We ask the Orange County District Attorney's office to conduct an independent investigation; The Anaheim Police Department conducts a separate administrative review into the incident; We ask the Office of Independent Review to conduct a separate investigation; When circumstance are warranted, the FBI is asked to conduct an investigation.

This is a very tragic and unfortunate incident for all parties involved. While we do not know all of the facts at this early stage, we do recognize police officers are often faced with making incredibly difficult split second decisions. "To the family of Mr. Alexander, we extend our deepest sympathies," said Anaheim Police Chief John Welter.