



# STATEMENT

## Huntington Park Police Department

**Date:** Monday, January 30, 2023

### **Man Stabbed in Huntington Park, resulting on January 26th Officer-involved Shooting Incident**

**HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF (January 30, 2023)** - On Thursday, January 26, 2023, Huntington Park Police Officers responded to a stabbing call at 3:40 p.m. in the 2400 block of Slauson Avenue, Huntington Park.

Upon arrival, officers located the victim, who suffered a life-threatening stab wound resulting in a collapsed lung and internal bleeding. The victim described a Black male adult suspect in a wheelchair. The suspect dismounted the wheelchair, ran to the victim without provocation, and stabbed him in the side of the chest with a 12" butcher knife. The suspect then ran back to the wheelchair and fled the scene in the wheelchair. The victim provided officers with the suspect's last direction of travel. The injured victim was rushed to a local hospital and remains in critical condition.

Assisting Huntington Park Police Officers located the suspect in the 1900 block of Slauson Avenue, Huntington Park. Officers attempted to detain the suspect, who armed himself with a 12" butcher knife. The suspect ignored the officer's verbal commands and threatened to advance or throw the knife at the officers. Officers deployed two separate Tasers in an attempt to subdue the suspect, but the Tasers were ineffective. The suspect continued to threaten officers with the butcher knife, resulting in an officer-involved shooting.

The suspect was fatally wounded and was declared deceased at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department Paramedics.

Procedurally, the involved officers were placed on paid administrative leave pending investigations by the Huntington Park Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – Homicide Bureau, and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Investigations are active and ongoing.

The City and Huntington Park Police Department recognize the impact on the community and the families as well as the significance of this incident. We are committed to ensuring comprehensive investigations are completed while maintaining transparency and protecting the integrity of the investigation.

We thank the public for their assistance and ask for everyone's patience to allow the investigative process to determine the relevant facts of this incident and to protect the procedural and judicial rights of all involved.

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