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Unintentional Discharge at John Wayne Airport

COSTA MESA, Ca. (Aug. 26, 2020): At approximately 7:02 a.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2020 an unintentional weapon discharge by an Orange County Sheriff's Sergeant occurred in the John Wayne Airport Terminal Administrative Office. The round penetrated a wall and hit a John Wayne Airport employee in the arm. The employee, a woman in her 50s, was transported to the hospital with a non-life threatening injury.

The incident did not affect airport operations and the Terminal Administrative Office is not an area regularly accessed by the public. The Terminal Administrative Office is closed until the investigation is complete.

The Orange County District Attorney is conducting an investigation into the unintentional discharge, and the Orange County Sheriff's Department will conduct an internal administrative investigation.

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