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Deputy-Involved Shooting in Lake Forest

LAKE FOREST, Calif. (April 24, 2026): On Friday, April 24, 2026, a deputy-involved shooting occurred on a residential street in Lake Forest.

On Friday, April 24, 2026, around 2:30 a.m., deputies responded to a call regarding a disturbance near Antonio Parkway and Cow Camp Road in Rancho Mission Viejo. The caller stated that his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend, a male in his 20s, was at the residence causing a disturbance. When the informant opened the door, he saw the suspect reach for his waistband. The informant closed the door, and the suspect left the area before deputies arrived. The informant reviewed home security footage and saw the suspect in possession of a handgun. Neither the informant nor the girlfriend was injured at this time.

At around 3:45 a.m., deputies located the suspect in a vehicle at Rimgate Park in the city of Lake Forest. When deputies attempted to contact the suspect, he drove away. Deputies followed him a short distance before he stopped his vehicle and ran toward deputies. A deputy-involved shooting occurred. A large knife and a handgun were recovered at the scene.

The suspect was struck multiple times. Deputies provided medical aid at the scene. The Orange County Fire Authority arrived and continued medical aid before transporting him to the hospital where he remains in critical condition.

Per protocol, the Orange County District Attorney's Office will handle the investigation of the deputy-involved shooting. Relevant audio and video from the incident will be released in accordance with the law and in consultation with the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

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