

MISSION POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Press Release: Mission Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation

Police officers frequently respond to situations that are tense, unpredictable, and rapidly evolving. In these circumstances, officers may be required to make split-second decisions based on the actions of a suspect and the circumstances confronting them.

Officers rely on their training and experience as they work to de-escalate situations and, when appropriate, utilize less-lethal options to preserve life while maintaining public safety. Unfortunately, some situations continue to escalate. When officers perceive an immediate threat to their own lives or the lives of others, they are trained and authorized to take action to neutralize that threat.

The outcome of an officer-involved shooting is never easy. These incidents impact everyone involved, including the individual and their family, the officers involved, their families, and the broader community.

As police officers, we recognize that the authority entrusted to us comes from the community we serve. With that authority comes the responsibility to protect life, maintain public safety, and ensure that our actions are consistent with the law and the policies governing our department.

In connection with the recent officer-involved shooting, every action taken during the incident must be carefully examined to determine whether those actions were consistent with the law and the authority vested in our officers. There is no doubt that this incident is devastating for all those affected.

Transparency is at the heart of this process. Consistent with the direction and authority of the Chief of Police, the circumstances surrounding this officer-involved shooting will be investigated by the Texas Rangers.

To promote transparency and provide the public with additional information, the department will release a brief portion of available video footage from the incident. The purpose of releasing this footage is to provide factual information and help dispel inaccurate or erroneous information circulating about the circumstances surrounding the shooting.

We understand that the release of this footage may be difficult for members of the community and the families affected by this incident. We ask the public to allow the investigative process to proceed and to avoid drawing conclusions before all the facts have been examined.

Our commitment remains clear: to protect the public, uphold the law, conduct a thorough and impartial investigation, and provide the community with accurate information as it becomes available.

Individual armed with a knife.



Knife.



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Individual charges at officers with a knife.



Suspect holds female by the neck while holding a knife.



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**Mission Police Officer deploys
less-lethal weapon (Phazzer), prior
to officer involved shooting.**

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