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OC Sheriff's release first Critical Incident Video

SANTA ANA, Ca. (Feb. 12, 2021): Today the Orange County Sheriff's Department released its first Critical Incident Video. The video depicts the deputy-involved shooting that occurred in Lake Forest, Calif. on June 24, 2020.

In order to foster greater public trust with the community we serve, the Orange County Sheriff's Department will publish Critical Incident Videos about incidents where the actions of department members in the performance of their duties, are likely to have a significant impact on the Department, community, citizens, or any other person, and/or incidents involving the use of deadly force or force resulting in serious physical injury.

Critical Incident Videos offer a clear and concise overview of the incident with relevant video, audio, photographs and information to give context to what occurred preceding, during and immediately after a critical incident. The videos will contain the factual circumstances as they are known at the time. No conclusions will be drawn about whether or not deputies acted in a manner consistent with our policies and in accordance with the law until all facts are known and the investigations are complete.

"Critical incidents involving law enforcement demand the highest level of scrutiny and rightfully are a matter of public concern," said Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes. "The vast majority of the men and women in this department exceed the expectations of our community every day. Critical Incident Videos will provide an opportunity to see the actions of our deputies during the most difficult circumstances law enforcement officers encounter."

The first Critical Incident Video is available at the Orange County Sheriff's Department website <u>www.OCSheriff.gov/news</u>.

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