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UPDATE IN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

On December 20, 2010, at 1:30 P.M., members of the Oakland Police Department Gang Investigation Task Force (GITF) received information that a shooting was scheduled to occur in the West Oakland area known as the ACORN. Officers received additional information that a 1990 maroon Lincoln sedan would be associated with the attack and that the occupants were armed with an assault rifle. The vehicle was observed in the West Oakland area and a car stop was initiated. Several occupants were observed inside.

The occupants of the vehicle refused to stop and lead Oakland officers on a chase. The chase ended when the suspect vehicle collided with a home in the 1300 block of E33rd Street. The occupants of the vehicle fled on foot immediately following the collision. Oakland officers pursued one of the occupants who was later determined to be armed with a handgun. During the foot chase, two Oakland officers were faced with circumstances that forced them to discharge their firearms at the armed suspect mortally wounding him. Emergency Medical Personnel arrived and rendered first aid. The suspect eventually succumbed to his wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene. An additional suspect was captured and transported to the Oakland Police Homicide Section for questioning. Officers also searched the area for the remaining suspects but were unsuccessful in locating them. The handgun possessed by the decedent was recovered. An SKS-style assault rifle was also recovered from inside the suspect vehicle.

Oakland Police Homicide Investigators, Oakland Police Internal Affairs Investigators, and members of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office responded to the scene to conduct simultaneous investigations into the circumstances leading to the shooting. The suspect's as identified as Obataiye Edwards, 19-year-old, from Oakland. The officers were not injured.

The other male was arrested and transported to the Homicide Section for questioning. His name is not being released due to his age (juvenile).

There are two outstanding suspects, both described as male, African-American, 17-19 years-old.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Homicide Section at (510) 238-3821.

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