

T O R R A N C E

Press Release
Police Department

Officer Involved Shooting **October 31, 2016**

On October 31, 2016, at approximately 2:28 pm, Torrance Police Officers responded to multiple 911 calls of an erratic and reckless driver in the area of Arlington Avenue and Post Avenue in the City of Torrance. The vehicle was described as having collision damage and deployed side airbags were visible to the reporting party. Torrance Police units responded to the area and upon locating the vehicle they observed reckless and dangerous driving, and a pursuit ensued. Officers were authorized to utilize a Precision Intervention Technique maneuver which brought the vehicle to a stop facing northbound on Cabrillo Ave just north of Sepulveda Boulevard. The vehicle accelerated in reverse striking an occupied Torrance Police vehicle and then accelerated forward striking a second occupied marked Torrance Police vehicle. At that point an officer involved shooting occurred at approximately 2:36 pm.

Officers immediately performed life-saving measures on the driver and she was transported to Harbor General Hospital. The driver was pronounced dead at the hospital at approximately 3:05 pm. Investigators confirmed the deceased's identity at approximately 10:30 pm. The deceased was identified as being Michelle Lee Shirley, 39 years of San Diego and notifications have been made to the immediate family.

One Torrance police officer sustained moderate injuries during the incident and was treated and released at a local facility.

This incident is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Martin Vukotic of the Special Operations Bureau with the assistance of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office who is reviewing this incident as is our procedure for all officer involved shootings. Anyone with additional information related to this case is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5570.

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