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NAMES RELEASED IN OIS CASE

The Law Enforcement Officer involved in the shooting yesterday has been identified as San Diego Sheriff's Deputy Mike Astorga. Deputy Astorga is a 5-year-veteran assigned to the Vista Station. The deceased male has been identified as 22-year-old Elwood Edwards. Edwards was a resident of Los Angeles County.

On May 20, 2012 at 1:24 p.m. Oceanside Police were dispatched to investigate a disturbance at the AM PM Market located at 1501 Melrose Dr. An unidentified male had reportedly hit one customer over the head with a 32 oz. glass bottle, and had thrown a brick through the window of an occupied car, striking a passenger. He reportedly vandalized the market before fleeing on foot westbound on Oceanside Blvd. Due to the close proximity of the AM PM Market to the Vista City limits, Sheriff's Deputies responded to assist Oceanside Police. The victims at the AM PM Market sustained only minor injuries; they were not transported for medical treatment.

Sheriff's Deputies located the suspect in the 4900 block of Oceanside Blvd and attempted to detain him. The suspect, acting irrationally, armed himself with a stick; he was subsequently shot as he lunged at Deputies with the stick in a threatening manner. The suspect sustained a bullet wound to the chest; he was treated by Officers and paramedics and pronounced dead on scene. No Officers or Deputies were injured. Based on our preliminary investigation, it appears that only Deputy Astorga discharged his weapon. The investigation is ongoing.

The incident occurred on a well-traveled roadway, so police believe there could be more people who witnessed the event. Witnesses who have not been identified can contact Detective Doug Baxter at 760 435-4027.

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