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Date: 01/06/2021
To: San Diego Media
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Subject: Assault with Deadly Weapon shooting – Case #2100207

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at about 4:00 pm, the CVPD Dispatch Center began receiving multiple 911 calls about a shooting in the area of 5th Avenue and Palomar Street. Witnesses saw a non-injury hit and run and were following the suspect's car. A passenger in the suspect's car then shot at the witness.

A CVPD officer assigned to the Drone as First Responder (DFR) program was livestreaming incoming 911 calls via Live911 software and deployed a drone, arriving overhead well before the first patrol officers were in the area. Using the drone, the officer observed the suspect exit the car and walk away from the area carrying a handgun. The Drone operator followed the suspect, guiding officers to both the shooting victim and the suspect, who was taken into custody without any use of force. A loaded handgun was found in his pocket.

The victim, a 25-year-old male, was transported to a local hospital with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the head. He was not the victim of the hit and run but a good Samaritan trying to obtain the license plate of the suspect for police when he was shot by the suspect.

The hit and run victim was uninjured. The suspect in the hit and run was issued a citation for hit and run. The 17-year-old male suspect was booked into juvenile hall on felony assault charges.

The DFR and Live911 programs continue to highlight the teamwork exhibited between our dispatchers, DFR officers, and patrol officers as they take advantage of this technology to save valuable time responding to emergency calls like this and safely resolve the situation.

We are actively investigating this incident. Media are instructed to direct all inquiries to PIO Lt. Miriam Foxx @ 619-585-5670.

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