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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

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Subject: **MAN ARRESTED FOR THROWING HAMMER AT OFFICERS IN POLICE VEHICLE**

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Chula Vista – A recent attack on two Chula Vista Police Department officers serves as a stark reminder of the dangers officers face every day in keeping our community safe. The Chula Vista Police Department is condemning the attack that left one officer with minor injuries.

At approximately 3:00 p.m. on August 28th, the two officers were in a marked patrol car that was stopped at a traffic light at Brisbane Street and North Fourth Avenue in Chula Vista. As the officers were stopped, they heard a loud crashing noise when glass from the front passenger-side door shattered into the car. Initially, the officers thought shots were being fired at the vehicle but realized that a hammer came crashing through the window. Surveillance video from a nearby business captured the suspect riding his bicycle up to the scene, getting off his bike and throwing the hammer before riding away.

“This violent act could have had tragic consequences. Our officers put their lives on the line every day to protect this community, and assaults like this are an attack on public safety itself,” said Chief of Police Roxana Kennedy. “We will not tolerate violence against law enforcement officers, and we are grateful that our officers were not seriously injured.”

Two Caltrans employees who witnessed the incident from their work vehicle remained on scene to provide critical information for responding officers – the department expresses their sincere thanks for their willingness to assist.

One officer seated in the passenger seat suffered minor injuries from flying glass and was treated on scene. Investigating officers found a man matching the description of the suspect and arrested him. 29-year-old Luis Ortiz was arrested and booked into San Diego County Jail on the following felony charge: PC 245(c) — Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Not a Firearm) on a Peace Officer/Firefighter: Force Likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury.

The Chula Vista Police Department Crimes of Violence Unit is investigating the incident. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 or submit a tip via P3tips (online or mobile application) <http://p3tips.com/409> if they wish to remain anonymous.

ADDITIONAL QUOTE FROM CHIEF KENNEDY:

“Assaults on law enforcement officers – mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters who show up each day to protect people they may never meet – have become far too common. These men and women are called to run toward danger with little to no information, while others run to safety. People sometimes ask why an officer’s guard is always up, constantly scanning for threats. Incidents like this are reminders. Even something as routine as sitting at a red light can erupt into violence in an instant. That reality is part of the burden officers carry every day, and when violence is directed at them, it endangers the safety of the entire community.”

**Weekend and after-hour inquiries should be directed to the Watch Commander at (619)476-5374, however no other information is available for release at the time of this media advisory distribution.*

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