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NEWS RELEASE

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Roadside Shooting turns into Officer involved Shooting

On Saturday February 4, 2023, at approximately 0654 hours, the Alamogordo Police Department (APD) received a telephone call from a subject reporting he was just shot while in his vehicle near the intersection of North White Sands Boulevard and Indian Wells. At 0705 hours, the Alamogordo Police Department received a report of a black Dodge 2500 that was just stolen from the 1200 block of 23rd Street. At 0709 hours, the Alamogordo Police Department received a call in the 1600 block of Hawaii Avenue in reference to a single-vehicle crash into a gas meter. Alamogordo Police Department Officers and Otero County Sheriff's Deputies (OCSO) responded to the area of Hawaii Avenue and learned the driver of the single-vehicle crash fled on foot. The suspect, later identified as Robert Gutierrez Jr., 37, of Alamogordo, NM was located by law enforcement near an abandoned house in the 1100 block of Greenwood Lane. At some point during the contact, Mr. Gutierrez was armed with a firearm and an APD Officer and OCSO Deputy fired their department issued weapons, striking Gutierrez.

The New Mexico State Police (NMSP) assumed the investigation surrounding the officer involved shooting and their investigation is still ongoing. The names of the Officer and Deputy will not be released at this time, pending NMSP's investigation.

The Major Crimes Unit, consisting of investigators from the APD, OCSO, Ruidoso PD, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office, assumed all additional investigations related to Mr. Gutierrez. During their investigation, the MCU discovered a deceased subject with a gunshot wound on JJ Henry Road in La Luz, NM. While the shooting of the motorist at White Sands/Indian Wells started investigations of several different crimes, the location of the apparent homicide in La Luz appears to be connected to the other crime scenes that occurred later in time.

Mr. Gutierrez is currently in police custody as he remains hospitalized. Mr. Gutierrez is currently charged with the following:

- Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon (Firearm Enhancement)
- Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Firearm Enhancement)
- Shooting at/or from a Motor Vehicle (Great Bodily Harm)
- Possession of a Firearm by a Felon
- Tampering with Evidence
- Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle

These incidents remain under investigation as additional charges will be filed.