



## **PRESS RELEASE**

Pursuant to Cal Govt Code Sect 6254(f)  
San Jose Police Department  
Press Information Office  
201 W. Mission Street, San Jose, CA 95110  
Ph (408) 277-5339 Fax (408) 286-0923

**TYPE OF CRIME:** Attempted Robbery/Brandishing a Weapon/Officer- Involved Shooting.

**CASE NUMBER:** 04-225-0280

**LOCATION:** Radio Shack 779 Story Rd.

**VICTIM #1:** San Jose Police Officer

**VICTIM #2:** San Jose Police Officer

**SUSPECT:** Withheld (pending notification)

### **DETAILS:**

On 8-12-04 at 9:35AM, San Jose Police Officers responded on a call of a theft inside the Radio Shack store located at 779 Story Rd. An employee called police and stated that a male was inside the store attempting to steal merchandise. When the employee confronted the suspect, the suspect threw an object at him. Employees then ran to the back of the store for safety. When officers arrived, the suspect displayed a knife and refused to obey the officers' commands. One officer fired his taser in an attempt to immobilize the suspect, but it had no apparent effect. The suspect ran out of the store through the back doorway and the officers gave chase.

The suspect ran westbound on Story Rd. The officers chased the suspect approximately 300 yards. At one point, the suspect turned toward the officers and approached them, still armed with the knife. A second officer deployed his taser, but again there was no apparent effect. Two of the officers opened fire as the suspect continued to advance towards them. The suspect was hit and fell to the ground. Fire personnel subsequently pronounced the suspect dead at the scene.

Homicide Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators were called to the scene. This investigation will be conducted by the San Jose Police Department Homicide Unit and will be monitored by Internal Affairs and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. The Independent Police Auditor responded to the scene and will monitor this investigation.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call Detective Sgt.Dave Knopf or Detective Sgt.Eduardo Garcia of the San Jose Police Dept. Homicide Unit at (408) 277-5283. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.

BY:Ofc.Gina Tepoorten  
DATE:08/12/04 TIME:4:00PM

AUTHORIZED BY: Lt.Mike Sterner  
DATE:08/12/04 TIME:4:00PM

PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES** NO