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Call of a Fight Involving a Man with a Knife Leads to Officer Involved Shooting 20-133(a)

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On November 17, 2020, at approximately 5:09 PM, San Francisco Police officers responded to 5th and Market Streets regarding male subjects in a fight. One of the subjects was reportedly armed with a knife.

Officers arrived on scene and located a male who was brandishing a knife. During this contact, an officer involved shooting occurred on the 800 block of Market Street. San Francisco Police officers deployed less-lethal weapons and a San Francisco Sheriff’s Office deputy deployed a Taser. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the hospital for a gunshot wound. The suspect, a 26-year-old-male remains hospitalized in life-threatening status. His identifying information will be released once he has been booked at County Jail.

We are aware of the video that was shared on social media and have forwarded this information to our investigators. When viewing this video, we want the public to understand SFPD officers used less-lethal options including both the 12 gauge and 40 mm extended range impact weapons (ERIWs) which, when deployed, sound like gunfire.

This incident is being investigated by the San Francisco District Attorney's Office Independent Investigations Bureau (IIB), the Department of Police Accountability (DPA), the San Francisco Police Department Investigative Services Division (ISD), and the

SFPD Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Anyone with information, including cell phone video, is asked to call the SFPD Tip Line at 1-415-575-4444 or Text a Tip to TIP411 and begin the text message with SFPD. You may remain anonymous.

As part of the San Francisco Police Department's commitment towards accountability and transparency with our community, a virtual town hall meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2020. We anticipate releasing body-worn camera (BWC) footage during this meeting. Additional details on the town hall meeting will be forthcoming.

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