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PRESS RELEASE
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING 2000 BLOCK OF ROCKFORD

On June 3, 2020, the Nueces County District Attorney's Office was notified of an officer involved shooting which occurred at approximately 4:35pm on June 3, 2020 at a residence on the 2000 block of Rockford in Corpus Christi. District Attorney Mark Gonzalez, First Assistant Angelica Hernandez, and Intake Chief Michelle Putman began immediate communication with supervisors on scene.

At the request of the Corpus Christi Police Department, supervisors of the Nueces County District Attorney's Office arrived on location to walk through the scene. Supervisors of the District Attorney's Office then traveled to the Corpus Christi Police Department to observe witness interviews and review body cam footage of the incident.

A review of the evidence confirms three Corpus Christi Police Department Officers arrived at the residence in order to follow-up on a recent homicide investigation and question a person of interest. This person of interest also had existing warrants. Family members and owners of the home allowed the officers into the residence and directed them to the individual's bedroom.

Once inside the bedroom, officers viewed the suspect lying face down on the bed with his hands hidden under a pillow. After brief conversation, one of the officers observed a gun in the subject's hand and immediately attempted to disarm the individual. A struggle for control of the gun ensued while the subject continuously tried to turn the weapon on the officers. Witnesses in the home confirmed the officers repeatedly demanded the subject let go of the gun.

Despite being stunned with a taser, the subject continued to struggle for control of the gun and fired off several rounds. After attempts at disarming the subject were unsuccessful, officers were forced to return fire. The individual was shot by one of the officers and may have suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound as a result of the struggle over the gun. Unfortunately, the individual did not survive his injuries.

As with all officer involved shootings, the videos and case report will be submitted to the Nueces County Grand Jury for consideration. Given the current atmosphere, the Nueces County District Attorney's Office recognizes the need to be transparent and diligent in providing as much information as possible within the confines of the law. As the investigation continues the information will be updated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Gonzalez".

Mark Gonzalez,