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NEWS RELEASE

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Case #: 26-5730

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Officer Involved Shooting Investigation (OIS)

Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation – Alvarado Ave

On Thursday, February 26, 2026, at approximately 12:10 AM, Walnut Creek Police Officers responded to the area of Buena Vista Avenue and Alvarado Avenue after a caller reported a male wearing dark clothing was in the area looking into homes and parked vehicles with a flashlight.

Upon arrival, officers located a subject matching the above description who was holding what appeared to be a firearm. It was later determined to be a pellet gun that closely resembled a handgun. Officers issued multiple commands for the individual to drop the weapon. The subject did not comply, and an officer-involved shooting occurred. Officers immediately performed life-saving measures and medical personnel were requested to the scene. Despite these efforts to save the subject's life, he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene by paramedics from the Contra Costa County Fire Department.

No officers were injured during this event. This was determined to be an isolated incident and there is no ongoing threat to the community.

The investigation is ongoing. The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office is conducting a parallel investigation in accordance with the Law Enforcement Involved Fatal Incident Protocol. Body-worn camera footage related to this incident will be released at a later time.

The subject is a 46-year-old resident of Walnut Creek. We are not releasing his name at this time as this is still an ongoing investigation.

The officers involved have been placed on administrative leave per department policy.

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