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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***SAPD Officer Involved Shooting***

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

On September 8, 2009 just after 1:00 am, Officer Michael Ruiz (a probationary officer - 5 months out of the academy) was patrolling the area when he drove into the parking lot of the Valero gas station located at 2303 NE Loop 410. As Officer Ruiz drove into the parking lot, he observed the suspect running out of the gas station holding a shotgun in one hand and cash in the other while wearing a bandana across a portion of his face. It was apparent to Officer Ruiz that the suspect had just committed a robbery. Officer Ruiz exited his marked police vehicle and immediately began to order the suspect to drop the weapon. According to witnesses at the scene, the suspect refused to comply with the officers commands to drop the weapon and pointed the shotgun at the officer. The officer then fired his duty weapon at the suspect several times. The suspect was shot several times by the officer's gunfire and was transported to BAMC in critical condition.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per standard procedure, the officer will be placed on administrative duty.

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