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AOCDS issues statement on deputy-involved shooting

SANTA ANA, CA—February 14, 2012 -- The Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs rarely weighs in on open investigations into deputy-involved shootings. However, we believe it is important to correct certain inaccuracies in the facts of a deputy-involved shooting on February 7, 2012 reported by the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

The facts are these:

On February, 7, 2012 at around 4:30 in the morning, Manuel Loggins Jr., 31, driving with his two daughters, 9 and 14, unseatbelted in the back seat of his GMC Yukon, plowed through a locked gate at San Clemente High School. The force of the crash left sections of the gate embedded in the bottom of the Yukon and drew the attention of an on-duty sheriff's deputy who was in an adjacent parking lot writing reports. After coming to a stop, Loggins got out of the Yukon, ignored repeated orders from the uniformed deputy sheriff, and walked off into the dark, abandoning his two daughters left behind in the Yukon. The deputy began to follow Loggins on foot when he heard children's screams coming from the car. The deputy then returned to the Yukon, and found Loggins' two girls. Loggins, now in a darkened part of the adjacent field, could be heard yelling irrational statements. The deputy radioed for immediate assistance, informing dispatchers of a hit-and-run accident and child endangerment situation. Additional Sheriff's personnel arrived and comforted the children in the back seat. Loggins' children told deputies their father had been acting oddly. A few minutes later, Loggins unexpectedly and quickly returned to his Yukon. Deputies repeatedly ordered him to stop. Loggins did not stop, ignoring the deputies who now had their weapons drawn and got into the driver's side of the car despite multiple warnings. Deputies warned Loggins not to start the car. Loggins ignored these and repeated other warnings, started the Yukon and placed it in gear. It was then clear that Loggins was going to drive off and further endanger the children. As the Yukon began to move forward he was shot by the deputy next to the driver's window. The car was stopped, the children were removed and medical aid was rendered to Loggins, who did not survive.

"It is heartbreaking that Manuel Loggins created a situation that put his children in danger and ultimately cost him his life," said Tom Dominguez, president of the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs. "The Manuel Loggins described by his friends and loved ones in the media is not the Manuel Loggins encountered by our deputies the morning of February 7, nor as described by the children to the deputies at the scene before he returned to the Yukon. It is unfortunate that his actions put his own children into immediate danger and resulted in his death."

"The actions of our deputy clearly prevented serious harm from coming to Loggins' two children and anyone else on the road that morning," Dominguez said.

The deputy involved in the February 7, 2012 shooting served honorably for four years with the United States Marine Corps. He is a 15-year veteran of the Orange County Sheriff's Department where he has twice been awarded the department's Medal for Lifesaving and the Medal of Courage.

AOCDS represents nearly 2,500 Orange County active and retired deputy sheriffs and district attorney investigators.