

Quarterly Report

Q4 – 2021

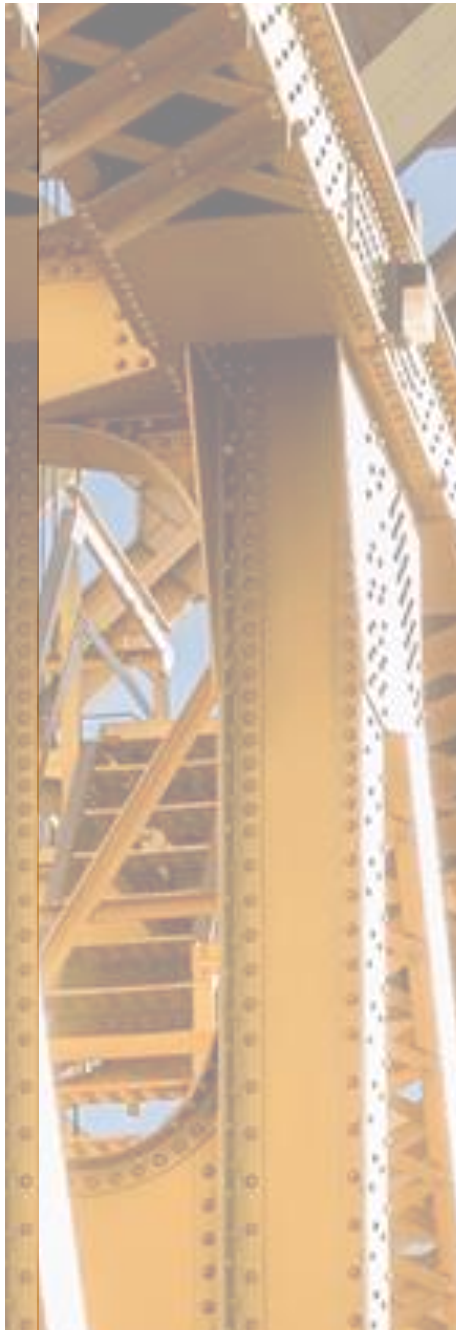
PRESENTED TO:

The Sacramento Community Police Review Commission

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As required by City Code section 2.110.030.B., the commission shall review quarterly reports prepared by the Office of Public Safety Accountability consistent with California Penal Code section 832.7(c), relating to the number, kind, and status of all citizen complaints filed against police department personnel, to determine whether there are patterns of misconduct that necessitate revisions to any police policy, practice, or procedure.



SUMMARY

The Office of Public Safety Accountability (OPSA) remained steadfast and resourceful during a period of transition and change in leadership, experiencing three directors between September of 2019 and June of 2020 overseeing the administrative and operational functions of the office. The ongoing pandemic created uncertainty, fear, frustration, and anxiety within City of Sacramento communities and across the nation. In addition to the ongoing pandemic, historic wildfires, large-scale protests, and social unrest created wide-spread tensions within communities as well.

Through all this change, OPSA continued fulfilling its core mission of providing independent and impartial public safety oversight for the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and the Sacramento Fire Department (SFD) by executing the roles and responsibilities of the office with excellence working remotely, which encompasses timely communication with complainants, internal and external stakeholders as well as strengthening the process in the thorough review of completed investigations.

OPSA MISSION

The Mission of the Office of Public Safety Accountability is to improve the relationship between the City's public safety departments and the community they protect and serve. We promote trust, excellence, transparency, and accountability through independent and impartial oversight of complaints related to public safety employee misconduct.

SPOTLIGHT: COMPLAINTS

- Complainant alleged officers responded to a report of a toddler wandering alone on her block. Complainant watched the incident and noticed that officers walked to one of her neighbor's residence that was not involved in the toddler incident. Complainant saw that this neighbor had their front door open and saw a police officer come to the front door, unholstered his gun and point it in a defensive manner.
- Complainant alleged that officers searched her home based on an illegal search warrant. Complainant further alleged that the officers destroyed her residence, causing it to be boarded up, which caused her to lose her home.
- Anonymous complainant alleged that an SPD recruit was misogynistic, used racial epithets, and routinely makes insensitive statements regarding race, politics, and women. Complainant submitted a video of the recruit using a derogatory racial slur for African Americans. The recruit admitted to using the slur, and that there was no malicious intent behind its use.

WAYS TO FILE A COMPLAINT



Call: (916) 808-7525



Online: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/OPSA>

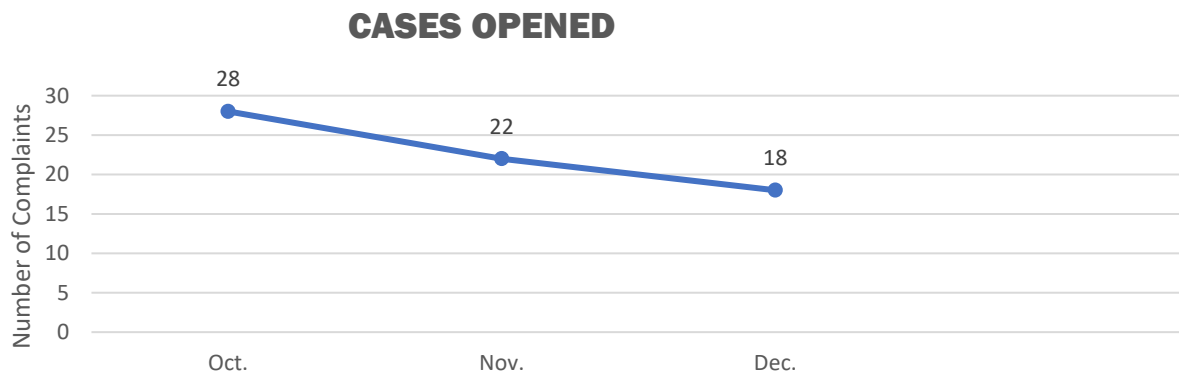


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Due to COVID-19, OPSA staff is currently not available to receive in person complaints at the office.

ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

The Office of Public Safety Accountability (OPSA) received 68 police complaints filed by community members containing 201 allegations during the Fourth Quarter of 2021.



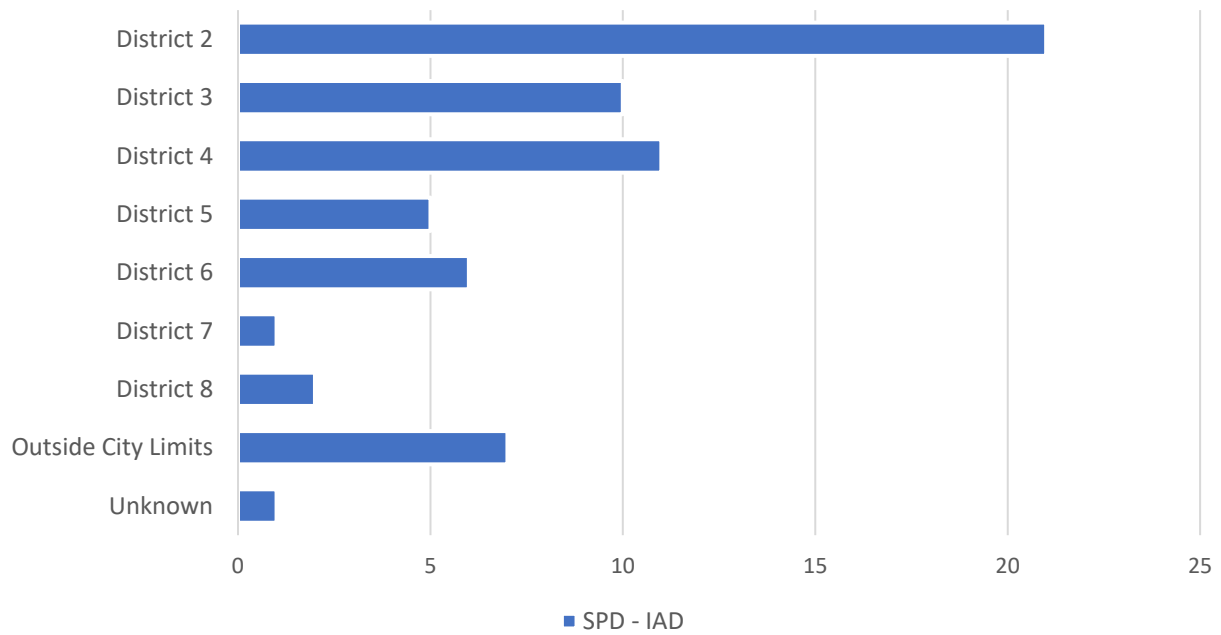
ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

| Allegation | Number of Allegations |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Conduct Unbecoming | 13 |
| Discourtesy | 21 |
| Discrimination | 3 |
| Dishonesty | 4 |
| False Arrest | 8 |
| Force | 11 |
| Harassment | 6 |
| Improper Search & Seizure | 64 |
| Improper Tactics | 17 |
| Missing Property | 2 |
| Neglect of Duty | 21 |
| Profiling | 9 |
| Service | 21 |
| Traffic | 1 |
| Total | 201 |

Note: One complaint can include multiple allegations.

ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS

COMPLAINTS BY COUNCIL DISTRICT



COMPLAINT FILING METHOD

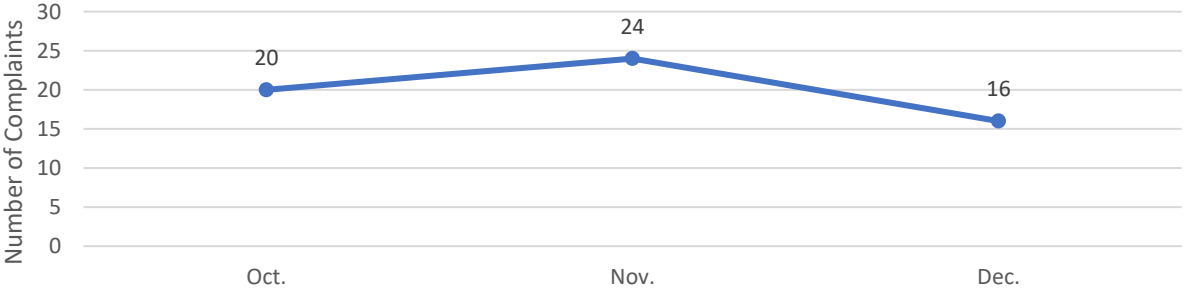


Note: Internal Affairs Division (IAD)

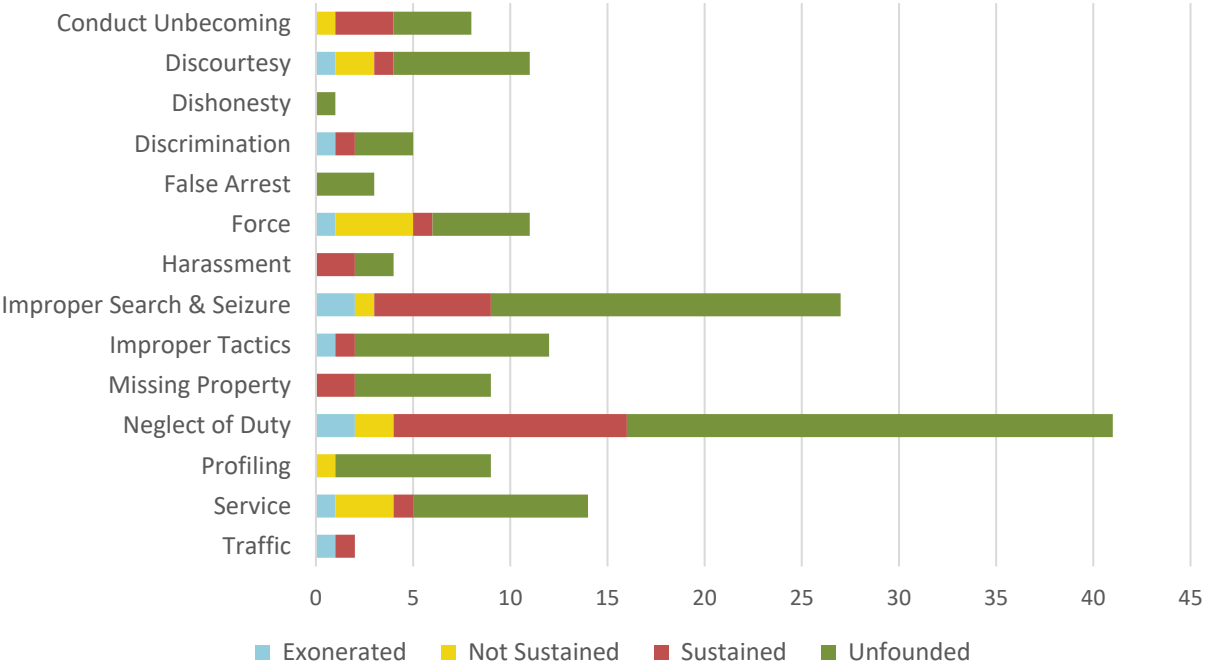
FINDINGS

There were 60 police complaints filed by community members containing 157 allegations that were closed during the Fourth Quarter of 2021. Thirty of the allegations were closed with a disposition of Sustained, which is a 19% Sustained rate. The remaining 127 allegations did not yield any policy violations.

CASES CLOSED

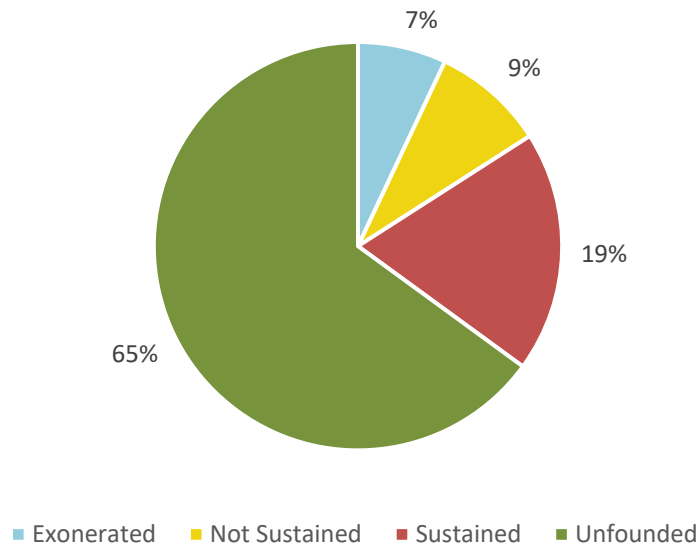


DISPOSITIONS BY ALLEGATION



FINDINGS

ALLEGATION DISPOSITIONS



COMPLAINANT DEMOGRAPHICS

OPSA does its best to collect demographic information from complainants and through information provided by SFD and SPD for complaints filed directly with each department. Departmental complaints that are internally generated without a specific complainant are not included in the data below.

| Age | Number | Percent |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 18 and Under | 0 | 0% |
| 19-30 | 17 | 24% |
| 31-40 | 15 | 21% |
| 41-50 | 12 | 17% |
| 51-60 | 19 | 13% |
| 61-70 | 4 | 6% |
| Over 70 | 2 | 3% |
| Did Not Disclose | 0 | 0% |
| Unknown | 11 | 16% |
| Total | 70 | 100% |

COMPLAINANT DEMOGRAPHICS

| Gender | Number | Percent |
|---------|--------|---------|
| Female | 32 | 46% |
| Male | 34 | 49% |
| Unknown | 4 | 6% |
| Total | 70 | 100% |

| Race/Ethnicity | Number | Percent |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Black/African American | 35 | 50% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 9 | 13% |
| White/Caucasian | 15 | 21% |
| Unknown | 11 | 16% |
| Total | 70 | 100% |

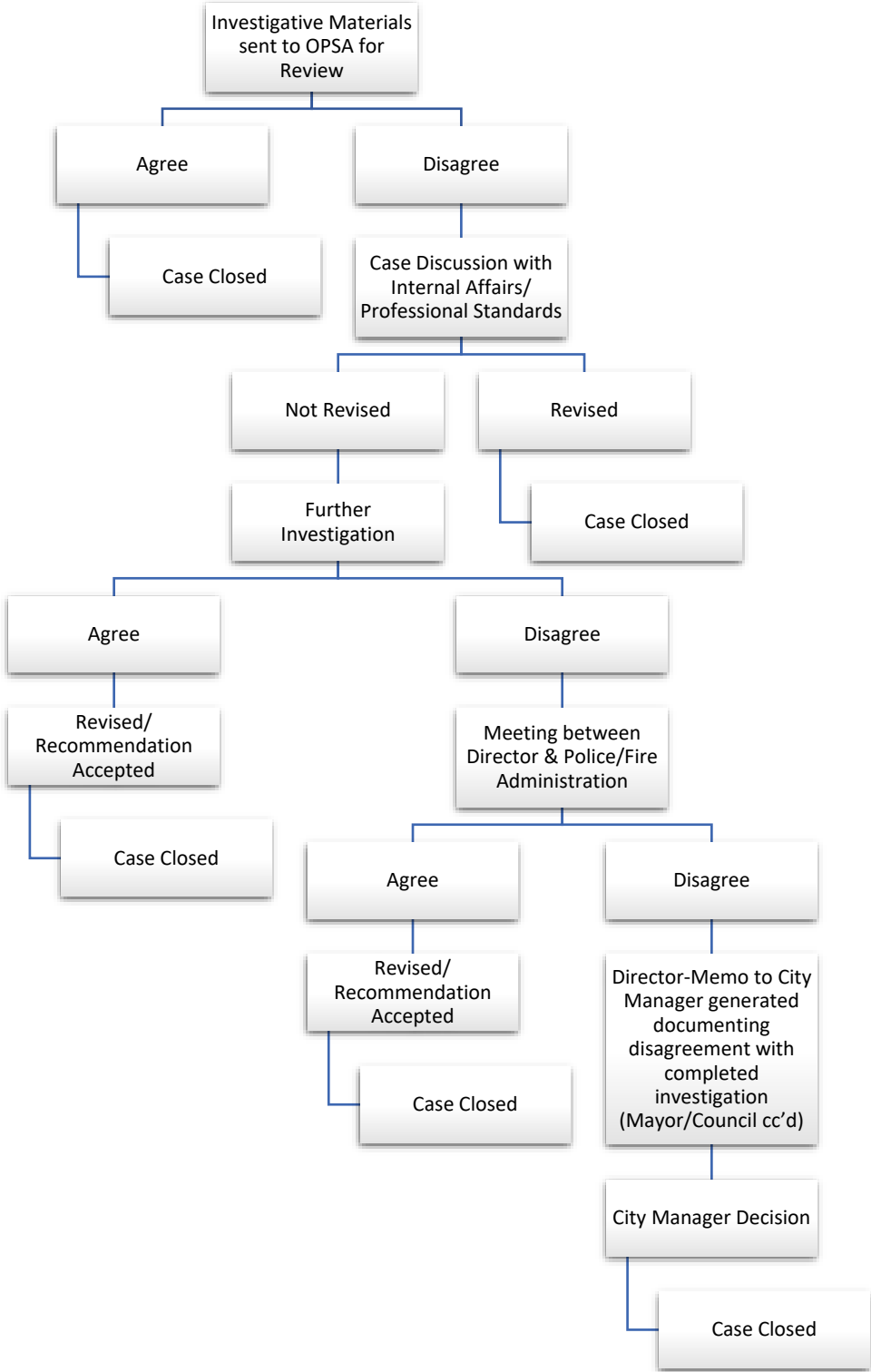
Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.

OPSA tracks additional Gender/Race/Ethnicity categories, but only includes reportable quarterly data.

REVIEWS

An overview of the OPSA review process can be found in the chart below.

Review Process Chart



REVIEWS

Under the direction, control, and supervision of the City of Sacramento Mayor and City of Sacramento City Council, the Office of Public Safety Accountability tracks and monitors any internal investigation, reviews completed investigations, and advises the Sacramento Police Chief and the Sacramento Fire Chief of deficient investigations involving misconduct allegations against public safety personnel.

OPSA receives all police and fire complaints, regardless of where the complaints are filed. After OPSA conducts a preliminary review of each alleged complaint, a determination is made as to whether the case will or will not be reviewed. OPSA documents the determination by sending a review form to the Sacramento Police Department Internal Affairs Division and Sacramento Fire Department Professional Standards Division indicating whether the case will be reviewed or not reviewed. For all cases selected for oversight review, OPSA receives access to all investigative materials utilized to render a finding prior to discipline being imposed.

During Q4 of 2021, OPSA reviewed 80% of the community complaints filed against the Sacramento Police Department. None of the completed investigations reviewed by OPSA were sent back for further review.

Review Finding Options

- Agree
- Discussed – Revised
- Discussed – Not Revised, Memo Sent
- Discussed – Further Investigation, Agree/Recommendation Accepted
- Discussed – Further Investigation, Disagree/Memo Sent

Further Review Results

| Month | Case Type | Recommendation/Disagreement | Outcome |
|-------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|
| None | | | |

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

Officer Involved Shooting – 3700 Block of Redding Road

On September 6, 2021, just before 8:15 p.m., Sacramento Police Department patrol officers responded to the 3700 block of Redding Avenue to conduct a welfare check on a known male subject in his 50's. The reporting party stated that the male had been sending suspicious and erratic phone messages to them. During the same time frame, other officers were investigating a report of threats that possibly involved the same subject.

As officers approached the residence, they observed the described subject arm himself with a rifle and load it. At that point, officers withdrew from the immediate area of the residence, established a perimeter, and attempted to contact the subject. Officers also began to evacuate some residences in the surrounding area.

As the incident progressed, officers from the SWAT and Crisis Negotiation teams responded to assist. Crisis Negotiation officers were able to make sporadic contact with the subject from the protection of an armored vehicle. Throughout the night, the male, who was observed to be in possession of multiple firearms, repeatedly shot at officers on scene, and struck the occupied armored vehicle multiple times.

Around 5:10 a.m., almost nine hours after the initial call, the man emerged from the residence armed with a rifle. Three officers fired and the subject appeared to be struck at least once.

Almost immediately, officers used an unmanned aerial system (UAS) to perform a visual check of the subject from a safe distance. Officers then approached and began to administer emergency medical aid. Despite the efforts of the responding officers, the male succumbed to his injuries and was declared deceased at the scene by fire personnel. Multiple firearms were located on scene, one of which is pictured below.

No officers were injured during this incident and no injuries have been reported in the surrounding community. This investigation is in its early stages and there are no further details to release at this time. As the investigation allows updates will be provided.

This incident is being investigated by the Sacramento Police Department's Homicide Unit and Internal Affairs Division. A response and investigation into the incident will also be conducted by the Force Investigation Team. The investigation will focus on policy, tactics, and training as it relates to the use of force. The Office of Public Safety Accountability and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office are providing oversight by monitoring the investigation.

Officer Involved Shooting – 6200 Block of Lemon Hill Avenue

On November 28, 2021, around 9 a.m., Sacramento Police Department (SPD) patrol officers responded to the 6200 block of Lemon Hill Avenue after multiple callers reported a man armed with a firearm who was seen pointing it at several different victims. A witness video captured the suspect, later identified as 19-year-old Jacob Armada, on the street pointing his firearm at an approaching vehicle as the vehicle backed away.

When officers arrived, they contacted witnesses who directed them to the last known location of Armada.

As they approached the apartment complex where he was last seen, the officers observed Armada walking up stairs to the second floor of an apartment breezeway. Officers began to exit their vehicles and give commands; Armada immediately turned and pointed his weapon at an officer, and they exchanged gunfire.

One officer reported being struck by gunfire. It was later discovered that a round pierced their uniform pants, nearly missing their leg. No other officers or community members were injured during this incident.

Armada fled, uninjured, from the scene, and a large perimeter was established to search for him. SPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Crisis Negotiation, and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) teams responded to assist with the search. Officers and deputies from outside agencies also responded to assist with the search, which lasted approximately eight hours.

As the incident progressed, officers received reports of a suspicious subject within the perimeter. After an eight-hour search with the assistance of multiple agencies' helicopters and unmanned aerial systems, SWAT officers were able to locate a subject who was hiding in a trash can within the perimeter. After multiple unsuccessful attempts asking for that subject to surrender, that individual was taken into custody with assistance from a police K9. Armada's gun was recovered from within the perimeter during the subsequent investigation.

Armada was transported to a local hospital to treat minor injuries sustained during his K9 apprehension and booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail for the attempted murder of police officers, assaulting a police K9, assault with a deadly weapon, and resisting arrest.

OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

None