

In December 2020, the Police Department updated its SAPD Body-Worn Camera Procedure to release portions of videos and 911 calls related to critical incidents involving officers-involved-shootings or use of force resulting in death of an individual. According to the updated procedure, SAPD will release a video within 60 days after the incident, and if the Police Chief believes a video should not be released, the public will be informed of the reasons within 60 days of the incident.

The updated procedure states that Critical Incidents where domestic violence is involved or suspected will not be released unless the Chief of Police determines it serves a law enforcement purpose. There have been two officer involved shootings within the past 60 days that involve domestic violence. The videos and 911 recordings related to these incidents will not be released in accordance with the procedure. These incidents are:

- On March 26, 2021, SAPD Officers responded to the 1300 block of Brighton for a report of a male threatening his estranged spouse with a knife. Officers arrived and contacted the individual standing in the driveway and told him repeatedly to drop the knife however, the man did not comply. He instead attempted to go inside of the residence where his wife and two children were. Officers used a taser in an attempt to get the man to stop as he moved towards the women and the children inside. The individual turned towards the officer with the taser and swung the knife at him. A second officer fired his service weapon at the man.
- On February 27, 2021, SAPD responded to the 600 block of Gabriel Street for a shooting. The initial investigation revealed the suspect shot his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend, critically injuring him. The officer attempted to contact the suspect who immediately pulled out a handgun from his pocket and held it to his head. Despite the officers' attempt to contain the suspect, he walked down the street with the gun pointed at his head. The suspect turned a corner before firing one shot in a direction away from the officers. The officers held their fire and continued to negotiate with the suspect to drop his weapon. At one point, the suspect responded by pointing his gun at the officers and firing two rounds. The officers returned fire and the suspect was struck.

The District Attorney will be notified as per the procedure. The Police Department will post on the City's website the reason for not releasing the Body-Worn Camera video. The posting will be reflected on the Police Department website Transparency Page – Officer Involved Shooting Reports: <https://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/SAPD-Transparency>.

There have been three additional officer-involved-shootings in the month of April.

- April 15 – Incident at San Antonio International Airport
- April 16 – Incident at Pinn Road. During a traffic stop officer was shot at and he returned fire.
- April 20 – Incident at 400 Block Clutter. Suspect shot at individual and started shooting at officers. Officers fired back.

The Police Department is working on preparing the videos and 911 recordings that will be released in accordance with the Body-Worn Camera Procedure.