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SUBJECT: Body Worn Camera Procedure
March 3, 2023, Critical Incident

DATE: May 26, 2023

This memorandum addresses the San Antonio Police Department's procedure on the release of audio and video recordings as they relate to a critical incident that occurred on May 3, 2023.

Officers responded to a call involving a knife in the 6600 block of Fairdale. Upon arriving, a 34-year-old male suspect fled on foot while holding a knife. As officers pursued the suspect, the suspect grabbed a victim and a struggle ensued between the two. The victim was able to break free and the suspect ran towards the parking lot. The suspect then grabbed a second victim by the neck and held the victim in a chokehold while still holding onto the knife. In response, an officer fired one shot from his firearm, striking the suspect. The suspect released the victim and dropped the knife. He was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital in stable condition. No officers or bystanders were injured during the incident.

As with all officer involved shootings, the District Attorney's Office is reviewing the incident.

Consistent with Section 19 of SAPD Procedure 410, the audio and video recordings will not be released because they meet one of the criteria below:

- Critical Incidents where video release is prohibited by law will not be released, for example where the incident involves a juvenile.
- 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.