

Bodycam video shows altercation that led to shooting

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The Del Norte County Sheriff's Office released bodycam footage from an incident that left a man dead after he was shot by deputies.

The sheriff's office said the investigation into the incident that occurred August 25 is ongoing, but the bodycam footage was released so the community has all the available information related to the incident.

In the two videos released by the sheriff's office, deputies are shown talking to 38-year-old Robert Anderson after deputies and the California Highway Patrol responded to Parkway Drive and Sherwood Lane after receiving a 911 call.

In the longer of the two videos, deputies and Anderson had a conversation that went on for several minutes.

Early in the video, Anderson told deputies he had a knife, which he pulled out of a hoodie pocket.

"I'm just telling ya'll, I've got a knife in here," Anderson said. "I'm just letting ya'll know."

A deputy responded, “Can you put it on the ground,” and Anderson did, placing the large knife next to where he was standing.

Both Anderson and the deputies were calm during most of the video, as deputies urged Anderson to move away from the knife.

“We all should have rights to stand where we want to stand,” Anderson told them.

“I understand, we just want to get you away from the knife,” a deputy told him.

While he moved a few feet away, Anderson remained close to the knife while carrying on the conversation.

“What are ya’ll worried about,” Anderson said. “I’m worried about everything. I just lost my home. This is the matrix we’re living in. We’ve been lied to, all be lied to.”

At one point, Anderson was asked to step back, which he did, but the knife remained at his side.

“Don’t worry about the knife,” he told deputies. “Ya’ll got gun, tasers.”

Near the end, he began yelling to a woman who was behind the deputies. He asked the woman if she was recording things, then he reached down, grabbed the knife and began running toward a deputy, swinging the knife as he approached.

The deputy was able to step away from the knife, and Anderson continued running toward others when multiple officers opened fire. He fell to the ground several feet away, and law enforcement attempted to handcuff him.

Even after being shot, he resisted being handcuffed and it took several deputies to hold him down to put handcuffs on. As soon as he was restrained, deputies began looking for the injuries, while people were crying and screaming in the background.

Deputies located several gunshot wounds and began offering medical treatment before the video ended.

According to the sheriff’s office, deputies gave Anderson first aid until an ambulance arrived. He was declared dead after arriving at the hospital.