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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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**Type of Incident:** Huntington Beach police officer shot a dog that charged him

**Location:** 7051 Ellis Avenue, Huntington Beach

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** December 8, 2011 at 10:30 AM

### **Details:**

On December 8, 2011, at about 10:30 AM, police officers were following up on neighbor complaints of transients inside an abandoned trailer at Ocean View Estates Mobile Home Park, 7051 Ellis Avenue. About a month ago, a male had been arrested out of the abandoned trailer. This mobile home park is owned by the City of Huntington Beach.

Police officers knocked on the doors and windows and yelled inside, but received no response. They entered the trailer and were charged by a pit-bull terrier dog that weighed about 100 pounds. The police officers feared for their safety and one police officer fired his handgun, striking the dog and killing it. No police officer was injured. Police officers then located a male, the same one that had been arrested a month ago, inside the trailer. He was detained and later released.

The dog was collected by Orange County Animal Care.

The Huntington Beach Police Department has been in contact with the prior owner of the trailer, who lives in Sacramento. The male who was arrested from the trailer a month ago, and located inside the trailer again today, is his 24 year old adult son.

There will be a complete and thorough investigation into this incident by the Huntington Beach Police Department.