



Police Officer Luca Benedetti *San Luis Obispo Police Department*

EOW: May 10, 2021

Age: 37 **Year of Service:** 16 years **Cause:** Gunfire **Suspect:** Dead – Self inflicted

Detective Luca Benedetti was shot and killed while he and six other officers from SLOPD were serving a search warrant as part of an investigation regarding a series of commercial burglaries.

The detectives approached the apartment complex, identified themselves and demanded entry. They wait an extended period of time with no response. Forced entry was then used into the apartment. The suspect was laying in wait, inside the apartment. The suspect immediately opened fire as the detectives who entered the apartment.

Detective Benedetti and another detective were both struck by gunfire. The suspect was also struck and was wounded. During the incident the suspect would take his own life.

Detective Benedetti was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

Detective Benedetti had served with SLOPD for 12 years. Prior to that he was with Atascadero PD for four year. Detective Benedetti is survived by his wife and two children.