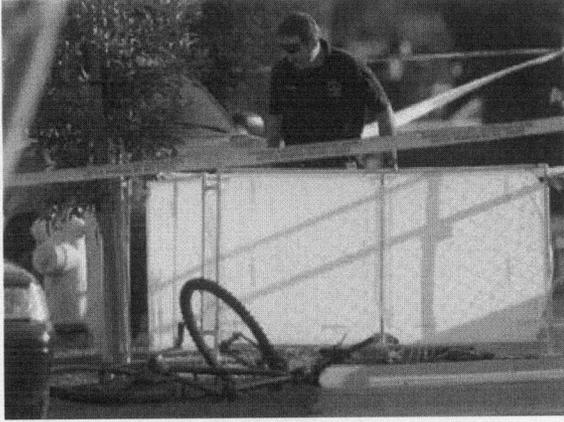


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RIVERSIDE: Fugitive shot to death by police



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Riverside Police Officer put up barricades to cover the body of a man that was shot and killed by police on the 5600 Block of Harold Street in Riverside, Feb. 18, 2012.

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A man wanted on a felony arrest warrant who told a friend he would rather die than return to jail was shot to death Saturday when, Riverside police Chief Sergio Diaz said, he pulled a gun on officers who were trying to arrest him.

The man's mother, Gramercy Place resident Lorie Rivera, identified him as Danny James Bond, 38. His driver's license lists him as a San Bernardino resident.

Rivera said her son had drug and domestic-violence convictions. Riverside County Superior Court records show Bond was convicted in 1993 of receiving stolen property and importing, selling or distributing illegal drugs into the state. He was convicted of a similar drug charge in 2000.

In January 2011, an attempt by a woman to get a permanent restraining order against Bond failed when neither party showed up for a court hearing. On Jan. 4 this year, a warrant was issued for Bond's arrest after he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon doing great bodily harm.

John Hicks, a family friend for 25 years, stood with Rivera outside the crime-scene tape and talked about Bond.

"He told me they'd have to kill him before he'd go back to jail," Hicks said.

Diaz said his officers had been looking for Bond and found him at his mother's home. Officers had been watching the residence, and about 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Bond left on his bicycle. His mother said he was going to buy cigarettes.

Diaz gave this account of what happened next: Two uniformed officers in a marked patrol car tried to stop Bond, who was riding on the sidewalk on Harold Street. Bond dropped his bicycle and ran. Uniformed officers in two unmarked cars then closed in on Bond, who then turned back toward the first two officers. Bond pulled out a pistol, and those officers shot Bond.

Bond's body lay on the sidewalk while Rivera waited a half block away. She thought the body might be her son's after he did not return from the store and descriptions of the body and the bicycle sounded familiar.

Police later told Rivera that her son was dead.

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Date: Saturday, February 18, 2012
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Officer Involved Shooting

Riverside, CA -- On Saturday, February 18, 2012, at approximately 2:45 PM, officers from the Riverside Police Department METRO Unit were actively seeking a suspect wanted on felony assault charges.

The officers saw the suspect leave a residence on a bicycle and attempted to stop him in the 5600 block of Harold Street. The suspect jumped off his bicycle and attempted to run from the uniformed officers. Additional officers drove up and blocked the suspect's escape. The suspect reached for a handgun, and an officer involved shooting occurred. Personnel from the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response responded to the scene and pronounced the suspect deceased.

The suspect is identified as Danny James Bond, 38 years old, from Riverside.

Detectives from the Robbery/ Homicide Unit and technicians from the Forensic Unit of the Centralized Investigations Bureau responded and are currently investigating the incident.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Dave Smith at (951) 353-7103 or Detective Greg Rowe at (951) 353-7136.

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