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VEHICLE PURSUIT ENDS IN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

RIVERSIDE, CA – On December 28, at 1159 PM, two Riverside Police uniformed officers driving a marked police car attempted to stop a stolen 2004 Toyota Corolla in the area of Magnolia and Crowell. The driver failed to stop for the officers after they activated their lights and siren. The vehicle had been reported stolen to Riverside Police on December 25.

The pursuit continued for several minutes at high speed until the vehicle stopped in the intersection of Adams and Diana. When the officers exited their vehicle, the driver put the Toyota in “reverse” and accelerated backwards towards the police car and officers. Fearing for their safety, the two officers discharged their duty weapons. The driver then drove the vehicle forward and headed towards the SR91 westbound onramp at Adams St. The vehicle veered to the left and off the onramp, plunging down the embankment and onto the westbound SR91 and came to a stop in the #2 and #3 lanes. The vehicle was heavily damaged as a result of the vehicle leaving the roadway.

Medical aid was summoned and the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response personnel responded. The two passengers were taken out of the vehicle by police officers but the driver had to be extricated by fire department personnel. All



three were transported to area hospitals for treatment of gunshot wounds and injuries sustained when the vehicle crashed. None of the injuries are believed to be life threatening.

Detectives from the Robbery / Homicide Unit and technicians from the Forensic Unit are currently investigating this incident. They are being assisted by the Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) and Riverside County District Attorney's Office. The California Highway Patrol and Cal Trans assisted with the highway portion of this investigation.

The officer driving the vehicle was struck by the police car's door when the suspect vehicle backed into it. The officer was checked at a local hospital and released.

The driver, Remijio Madriles Jr, 35, of Buena Park, will be booked into Riverside County Jail when he is medically clear. He will be booked for attempted murder of a police officer, possession of a stolen vehicle, felony evading, and felon in possession of a loaded firearm. Mr. Madriles is currently on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS or Prop. 109) probation in both Orange and Riverside Counties.

The two passengers, a 25 year old male and 17 year old male were not arrested. They are being treated at a local hospital for their injuries.

Detectives are asking anybody who has information on this case to contact Detective Jim Simons at (951)353-7138 or Detective Rick Cobb at (951)353-7135.

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