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BARRICADED SUBJECT FOUND DECEASED AFTER STANDOFF

RIVERSIDE, CA – Riverside homicide detectives are currently investigating the death of a 30 year old male inside an apartment in the 1800 block of Loma Vista in the Eastside neighborhood of Riverside after a standoff with SWAT officers.

Police were called about 8:35 PM on Friday. Riverside patrol officers responded to a report of a man who had fired a weapon through the floor of an upstairs apartment. This had apparently occurred a day or two earlier. The victims confronted the alleged suspect who lives in a downstairs apartment. Patrol officers arrived a short time later and made contact with the suspect through the door.

The suspect told officers he was armed, had his children as hostages and was threatening to start a fire and kill the hostages. The SWAT team and hostage negotiators were called to the scene. Negotiators made contact with the suspect and a series of conversations took place over the next 7 to 8 hours. The suspect continued to change stories about having hostages after it was determined his children were not with him. When negotiations broke down and officers could not get the suspect to exit his apartment, tear gas was introduced into the apartment. During the time tear gas was being deployed, officers heard what sounded like a possible gunshot coming from inside the apartment. After a period of time, SWAT officers entered the apartment and



found the man deceased. There was a weapon next to his body. Nobody else was inside the apartment.

Homicide detectives and a technician from the Forensic Unit are currently investigating. The Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner will determine the identity of the man and after notification of next of kin, that information will be released.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Mike Medici at 951-353-7104 or Detective Jim Simons at 951-353-7138.

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