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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: Friday, April 4, 2008**  
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### **Arrest in basketball court homicide**

Riverside, CA -- Riverside Police developed information that led to the arrest Thursday night of a suspect in the March 30, 2008, shooting incident at Riverside's Central Middle School basketball courts that resulted in the murder of 25-year-old Ronald Gubba of Riverside, and left another man seriously injured.

Riverside Police investigators served a search warrant Thursday night at a residence in the 3100-block of Panorama Road but did not locate the homicide suspect. Members of the multi-agency Inland Regional Apprehension Team (IRAT) located the suspect at his parents' residence in the 3000-block of Barn Owl Drive in Perris, at about 9:30 p.m. last night.

Donta Demetrus HARRIS, 26, of Riverside, is charged with the murder of Ronald Gubba, and with three counts of attempted murder; he was booked into Robert Presley Detention Center in Downtown Riverside.

On Sunday, March 30, 2008, victim Ronald Gubba and two relatives went to the outdoor courts at Central Middle School, 4795 Magnolia Ave., to throw a basketball. At the time, there were other players engaged in others games on adjacent courts. One of Gubba's companions, his brother Andrew Gubba, 23, initiated a physical altercation with another young adult male. Andrew's relatives tried to intervene.

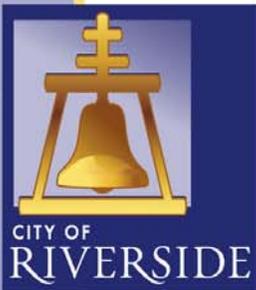
At approximately 3:15 p.m., as the Gubbas were walking away from the scene, suspect Harris (who had no previous involvement with any of the Gubba party, nor with the victim of the fight) retrieved a handgun and fired several shots at the three men, striking two of them in the upper body.

Both were transported to a nearby hospital where Ronald Gubba was pronounced dead, and his brother-in-law, Luke Rocha, 25, was treated for serious injuries. Andrew Gubba was not injured.

The investigation was aided by Riverside Unified School District surveillance videotape, which monitors the outdoor play area. The investigation continues. Detectives are still seeking additional witness and participants in the basketball games. Contact Riverside Police Detective Steve Shumway at (951) 353-7138.

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