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ARREST MADE IN HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Sunday, April 30, 2017, at about 4:11 p.m., the Riverside Police Department's Dispatch Center received several calls of two male subjects fighting inside the T.G.I. Friday's restaurant, located at 3487 Tyler Street, in the Galleria at Tyler shopping mall parking lot in Riverside. As officers were responding, they learned both subjects had been transported separately to a local hospital by family members. The victim was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Based on preliminary information, a confrontation between the victim and suspect ensued that led to a physical altercation inside the restaurant. At one point, the suspect went outside to his vehicle and retrieved two knives. He confronted the victim, now standing outside the front doors, and a second physical altercation occurred during which the suspect stabbed the victim multiple times.

Family members of the victim transported him to a local hospital. Life-saving measures were administered but the victim succumbed to his injuries and died. The suspect was taken to the same local hospital by his family members for a laceration to his arm. He



was later transferred to a different hospital for treatment of a non-life threatening injury and detained by officers.

Detectives from the Robbery – Homicide Unit and Evidence Technicians from the Forensic Unit responded to assume the investigation. Detectives are being assisted by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office and the Riverside Sheriff – Coroner. The victim's identity is pending the Coroner's investigation.

The suspect was identified as Denzel Cooley, 25-years-old of Riverside. He was arrested and later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for murder.

This is still an on-going investigation and detectives believe there may be additional witnesses to this incident. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Adrian Tillett at (951) 353-7105 or ATillett@riversideca.gov, or Detective Jim Simons at (951) 353-7139 or JSimons@riversideca.gov.

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