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## **ARREST MADE IN HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION AT LOCAL GAS STATION**

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 10:28 p.m., Riverside Police Officers responded to a shooting at the Shell gas station located at 3502 Adams Street in the city of Riverside. Upon arrival, they found five members of the Hells Angels outlaw motorcycle gang in the area of the Shell station fuel pumps. One of these members, 31-year-old James Duty, was shot multiple times and later succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital. A second Hells Angels member was struck by a bullet in the helmet he was wearing but was not injured.

Detectives from the Riverside Police Department's Robbery - Homicide Unit, Gang Intelligence Unit, and Technicians from the Forensic Unit began an investigation. Utilizing resources from the California Department of Justice and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Detectives learned the identity of the shooting suspect.

On Wednesday, June 21, 2017, these agencies along with the assistance of the Anaheim Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Garden Grove Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Long Beach Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, United States Marshals Service, University of California - Riverside Police Department, and led by the various units within the Riverside Police Department, executed search warrants at seven different targeted locations



and located the primary suspect. Several illegal weapons and Mongols gang insignia was located at the residence the suspect was found.

Joshua Ryan Herbert, 27-years-old of Corona, was later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for murder, attempted murder, weapons violations, and gang enhancements with special circumstances.

As part of this ongoing investigation, these seven targeted locations were determined to be affiliated with current members or associates of the Mongols outlaw motorcycle gang. These search warrants were served in the cities of Anaheim, Cathedral City, Corona, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, and Riverside. Numerous items of the Mongols gang insignia were located during these searches.

As stated by Riverside Police Deputy Chief Jeff Greer, "Our communities are safer today from the criminal influence of these gangs in part due to the strong partnerships our department has with these allied agencies, including those from the state and federal levels. We are thankful for their assistance in this investigation."

"ATF assisted in this investigation by supplying the expertise and assistance of special agents who have been working cases against the Mongols for decades," said ATF Los Angeles Field Division Assistant Special Agent in Charge Monique Villegas. "This gang is violent. As the federal agency responsible for reducing gun crime, ATF remains committed to working with its local law enforcement partners in removing firearms from these violent gangs and building cases to put those responsible for the violence away."

Attorney General Xavier Becerra said "The California Department of Justice sees the help of local law enforcement as vital to all public safety investigations. This is a clear example of our Special Operations Unit working hand-in-hand with local law enforcement to uphold the law and continue to keep Californians safe."

This murder investigation is still ongoing. If you have any information about it, please contact Detective Jim Simons at (951) 353-7138 or Detective Jim Brandt at (951) 353-7137.

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**JOSHUA RYAN HERBERT**