

RIVERSIDE: Riverside theft suspect dies soon after pre-dawn arrest

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A 52-year-old Riverside theft suspect suffered medical problems and died soon after his pre-dawn arrest, police say.

Edward Hayes III was apprehended minutes after a 12:07 a.m. Monday report that someone was stealing wooden pallets from a business along the 8100 block of Mar Vista Court, near the city's California Highway Patrol office.

Hayes was arrested without incident, but quickly took a turn for the worse, police said in a written statement.

"Officers immediately noticed the subject was in medical distress and requested medical aid," according to the statement. "The adult subject was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced deceased a short time later."

Anyone with additional information may call Detective Jim Brandt at 951-353-7137.