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RIVERSIDE, CA – On Monday, February 23, 2015, at approximately 9:31 p.m., the Riverside Police Department's Communication Center received a phone call describing a verbal argument between several males and a female. The caller also described hearing a possible gunshot during the argument. Patrol officers were dispatched to the 2800 block of Prospect Avenue to investigate the complaint. Officers arrived at the residence and attempted to make contact with the homeowner. While making contact at the front door, an unknown male ran towards the backyard, armed himself with a shotgun and fired at the officers. The officers returned fire as the suspect ran northbound through the neighborhood towards Pleasant Avenue. The suspect made his way to a residence in the 2700 block of Pleasant Avenue and entered the home. The suspect went inside the home and preliminary reports indicate the man committed suicide with the shotgun that he was still carrying.

Detectives from the Robbery / Homicide Unit responded to investigate. They were assisted by technicians from the Forensic Evidence Unit. Representatives from the Riverside County District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff- Coroner's Office are also investigating the incident. The Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner's Office will release the decedent's name after next of kin are notified. The investigation is on-going at this time.



Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact Detective Rick Cobb at 951-353-7135 or Detective Rick Wheeler at 951-353-7134.

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