

RIVERSIDE:

Man kills himself after shootout, police say

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A man who triggered a shootout with Riverside officers ran away and killed himself, police officials said.

The incident started with what a witness described as an argument between several men and a woman about 9:31 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at a home in the 2800 block of Prospect Avenue, wrote Riverside police Sgt. Troy Banks in a news release.

The witness also told police a gunshot rang out during the fight, the sergeant wrote.

When officers arrived and knocked at the door, a man darted into the backyard, grabbed a shotgun and fired at the officers. They returned fire, and the gunman ran north through the neighborhood, Banks wrote.

The man slipped into a house in the 2700 block of Pleasant Avenue where he killed himself with the shotgun, Banks said.

The gunman's name was withheld until his family could be notified. Nobody else was injured, said police Lt. Christian Dinco.

The investigation is ongoing and officials asked anyone with information to call detectives Rick Cobb at 951-353-7135 or Rick Wheeler at 951-353-7134.

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