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## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

**DATE:** March 11, 2013

**CASE:** Riverside Police Department File #P130026517

**SUBJECT:** Officer Involved Shooting Death of Lorenzo J. Ciaramella. which occurred on February 25, 2013

**LOCATION:** The Pepper Tree Place Apartments, 7911 Arlington Ave., Riverside

On March 7, 2013, Frank Hauptmann, Manager of the Community Police Review Commission, asked me to conduct a neighborhood canvass at the location of the Officer Involved Shooting death of Lorenzo J. Ciaramella. The purpose of the canvass was to search for potential witnesses who had not been located by Riverside Police Officers at the time of the incident. If any witnesses were identified, I was asked to conduct a thorough interview and provide a copy of said interview to Riverside Police investigators.

On March 11, 2013, I responded to the location, called the Pepper Tree Place Apartments, and contacted the Community Manager, Julio Lopez. Mr. Lopez said that the apartment complex consists of 390 apartments with an unknown number of residents.

Mr. Lopez stated that he did not see the incident but has learned from witnesses that Mr. Ciaramella had driven a stolen car to the location. When he was confronted by the victim of the auto theft, he attempted to steal other vehicles to make good his escape. When confronted by Riverside police officers in the apartment complex parking lot, he



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was able to drive quickly and recklessly through the parking lot with no regard to persons walking around the complex.

Mr. Lopez was quite candid about the incident and said that three vehicles had been stolen from the complex parking lot in the week prior to the incident and none since the shooting. Mr. Lopez pointed out a total of 13 security cameras at the location and then showed me a video tape of the incident. The video depicts Mr. Ciaramella driving a stolen vehicle into the parking lot at 8:40 PM. Within a few minutes, several people are observed confronting the suspect. At 8:46 PM, Mr. Ciaramella is observed entering several parked vehicles, apparently trying to start the cars. At 8:51 PM, a police officer is seen running in the parking lot. A vehicle, apparently being driven by the suspect, is observed backing up in a fast, unsafe manner, just missing a policeman on foot. As the vehicle speeds backwards, two police cars, their emergency lights activated, are observed chasing it through the parking lot.

At 8:54 PM, officers, guns drawn, are seen running between parked cars and out of view of the camera.

Mr. Lopez also said that within a few days of the incident, a woman who identified herself as the wife of Mr. Ciaramella, came to the location and attempted to talk to several residents stating that the police had no right to shoot her husband.

I knocked on the doors of all apartments that overlooked the parking lots and learned that the occupants who hadn't been interviewed by officers were either not at home at the time of the incident or were uncooperative.

I left a business card with Mr. Lopez with instructions to ask any resident with information, to call me. I will review the Officer Involved Shooting Death when Riverside Police Department provides me access to their files.



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