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Foot Chase of Armed Suspect ends in an Officer Involved Shooting

Riverside, CA. –

A Riverside police officer shot an armed suspect early this morning after a vehicle stop and foot chase. At about 2:26 am this morning, two uniformed police officers driving a marked police car stopped a vehicle on Anna Street north of Lincoln Avenue in the city of Riverside. The vehicle was stopped for license plate violation.

The two officers made contact with the driver and passenger. The two occupants remained sitting in the vehicle. After making contact, the officers asked both occupants to step out of the vehicle. After the passenger got out of the vehicle, he immediately ran away on foot with one of the officers giving chase. The suspect ran into the backyard of a nearby residence. The suspect turned towards the officer and had a handgun in his hand. The officer fired his handgun several times at the suspect who went down to the ground. The suspect was hit several times and medical aid was requested by the officers. Paramedics from the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response provided medical aid for the suspect.

The suspect, Brandon James Dunbar, 26, of Riverside, was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Detectives from the Robbery/Homicide Unit and technicians from the Forensic Unit responded and are currently investigating the shooting.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Detective Mike Medici at (951) 353-7104 or Detective Ron Sanfilippo at (951)353-7105.

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