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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

DATE: June 27, 2013

SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting Death of Rashad Hopes, which occurred on June 11, 2013

CASE: Riverside Police Department File #P13083040

LOCATION: 3476 Van Buren Boulevard (Chevron Gas Station)

On June 14, 2013, I responded to the vicinity of Van Buren Blvd. and State Route 91 to conduct a neighborhood canvass of the location regarding the Officer Involved Shooting death of Rashad Hopes. The purpose of the canvass was to search for potential witnesses who had not been located by Riverside Police Department at the time of the incident.

I observed the scene to consist of a Chevron gas station on the north side of the 91 freeway, at the Van Buren Blvd. onramp to the west bound 91 freeway. Although I contacted employees and customers at the business, I was unable to locate any witnesses to the incident.

To the north of the gas station, I observed a residence behind a locked gate but was unable to contact anyone. Continuing north on Van Buren Blvd., I found a dentist office and a pizza parlor, both closed at the time of the incident.

On June 19, 2013, I responded to the Magnolia substation to attend the Executive Briefing regarding the officer involved shooting death of Rashad Hopes. After a short wait, I was advised that the briefing had been moved to the Orange substation and had already begun.



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On June 26, 2013, I attended the briefing of the incident to the CPRC conducted by Assistant Chief Vicino. I learned that Mr. Hopes was a passenger in a vehicle that was involved in a hit and run on the 91 freeway and a hand gun was observed. Mr. Hopes vehicle exited the freeway on Van Buren Blvd., where it crashed into the center divider and became stuck. Riverside Police Department began receiving 911 calls that the passenger from the crashed vehicle was armed with a hand gun. Officer Eric Garcia arrived on scene and observed Mr. Hopes walking away from the vehicle holding a hand gun.

Mr. Hopes walked a short distance to a Chevron gas station. Responding police units found Mr. Hopes hiding behind the gas station and ordered him to drop his weapon. Mr. Hopes ran to the front of the gas station where he was confronted by several Riverside police officers who ordered Mr. Hopes to drop his hand gun and surrender.

Mr. Hopes ignored all commands and raised his weapon in the direction of the officers and began to run away. Mr. Hopes was then shot. I will review the facts of this case when Riverside Police Department provides me access to their files.



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