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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

DATE: March 1, 2012

SUBJECT: Officer Involved Shooting Death of David Ledesma, which occurred on January 7, 2012

CASE: Riverside Police Department File #P12-003517

LOCATION: 10745 Cypress Ave., Riverside

On February 29, 2012 at 2215, I received a telephone call from Nicholas Ron who stated that he was currently at 10765 Cypress St., Riverside, at the residence of Miguel Serna. I remembered that this address was directly next door to the scene of the officer involved shooting death of David Ledesma and on January 27, 2012, I had talked to Miguel Serna's mother, asking to have Miguel call me. Mrs. Serna advised me that the family did not want her minor son to make a statement and I left her a business card.

Mr. Ron told me that Miguel Serna wanted to make a statement and a male voice came on the line, identifying himself as Miguel Serna. Miguel's voice was cracking and he appeared to be very nervous. He said that at the time of the incident, he was just returning home and was approaching his front door, which faces the Ledesma home. He saw Mr. Ledesma in his backyard, surrounded by uniformed police officers. Mr. Ledesma was holding a knife, shouting at the officers who were telling him to drop the knife, which he did. He then saw one of the officers shoot Mr. Ledesma with a taser, knocking him down. He then said Mr. Ledesma got up, picked up a "bar", and threw it at the officers. I heard Mr. Ron, in the background, say "you mean the PVC pipe." Miguel then said "Yeah, I mean the pipe". Mr. Ron then repeated "PVC pipe" and Miguel said "Oh yeah, PVC pipe."



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Miguel continued, stating that after the item was thrown, he heard 4-5 gunshots. Again, in the background, I heard Mr. Ron say, “they fired 18 shots,” Miguel then said “I mean 18 shots”. Miguel said that he made a statement to a female patrol officer the night of the incident. He could add nothing further. Mr. Ron came back on the phone and said that Miguel’s grandparents had also witnessed the shooting but would not make a statement because of a Los Angeles Police connection in the family. He said that he would subpoena them for a civil trial.

Investigation continuing.



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