

## **UPDATE: Man dead after Riverside gunbattle with police**

**No officers wounded during showdown at apartment complex; man may have been wanted for child molestation**

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A man died this morning after engaging in a gunbattle with police trying to serve an arrest warrant at a Riverside apartment complex.

The officers went to the complex in the 10400 block of Indiana Avenue to make a child-molestation arrest this morning but ended up having to open fire on a gunman, said Lt. Guy Toussaint, Police Department spokesman.

"It appears he sustained gunshot wounds," Toussaint said soon after SWAT officers found the body at the Tyler Springs Apartments.

The gunfire erupted about 7:30 a.m. when detectives from the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit tried to serve an arrest warrant on a man wanted for several counts of child molestation, Toussaint said.

A man believed to be the suspect fired a shotgun at officers, prompting them to return fire, the department said in a news release.

One of the officers immediately radioed an emergency request for backup and a SWAT team soon surrounded the suspect's apartment, believing he was barricaded inside, Toussaint said.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the man had been hit by the police gunfire, Toussaint said.

For two hours a police helicopter circled overhead, officers maintained a cordon around the complex, and at least three ambulances and several fire trucks were parked nearby as negotiators tried to talk the man out of the apartment.

Shortly before 10 a.m., SWAT officers found the body and the shotgun.

As of this morning, police had not determined that the dead man was the child-molestation suspect, but they believed that was the case.

"All indications make it apparent this is the ... same man," Toussaint said.

In the news release, the department did not say if they had made that determination.

One detective suffered a minor ankle injury during the initial confrontation as he moved to get out of the line of fire, Toussaint said.

The department said the man's name would be released by the Riverside County coroner's office once his family had been told of his death.

The shooting is being investigated by the Riverside Police Department's robbery-homicide unit and forensic investigators.

Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call Detective Ron Sanfilippo at 951-353-7105 or Detective Mike Medici at 951-353-7104.

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