

RIVERSIDE: Man killed in police shooting

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Riverside police shot and killed a man late Sunday night when officers said a man pointed a gun inside his home.

Police were called shortly before 11 p.m. to an apartment in the 3700 block of Myers Street, south of Van Buren Boulevard, to a report of a suicidal man with a gun, threatening to kill himself.

Officers found the apartment door partially ajar when they announced themselves outside, Riverside police Sgt. David Amador said in a statement.

When police got no answer inside, officers found a man inside the apartment holding a kitchen knife and pointing a black semi-automatic handgun at police, Amador said.

Authorities said the man charged toward police, when four officers, who said they feared for their safety, opened fire, killing the man on the walkway outside his apartment.

Riverside firefighters and paramedics tried to render medical treatment, but declared the man dead at the scene.

Police found the gun was a black Airsoft handgun. The man, 23, has not yet been identified, pending notification of next of kin.