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Security guard shoots at vehicle

Riverside, CA – On Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at approximately 2245 hours, the Riverside Police Department's Communication Center received a call of shots fired in the 900 block of Via Zapata in the city of Riverside. Officers responded to the scene and located a private security guard who had discharged his firearm at a vehicle as the driver of the vehicle attempted to run him over during the guard's contact with them.

The security guard is employed by a private security company that provides nighttime security for some of the apartment complexes on and around Via Zapata. The security guard observed an adult male Hispanic subject going through an outside trashcan on one of the properties and attempted to contact him. The Hispanic subject ran to a truck that was parked nearby and occupied with two other adult male Hispanic subjects. All three occupants attempted to flee in the truck. The security guard got into his patrol vehicle and attempted to block the path of the truck from leaving the area. The truck stopped and the security guard got out of his vehicle and approached the occupants. The guard, who recognized one of the subjects from a previous incident of going through trashcans, approached the passenger side of the truck and began speaking with the occupants through the open passenger door.

The driver, Efrain Castillo-Diaz, unexpectedly put the truck in reverse and quickly backed up. The security guard could not get out of the way of the backing vehicle and was hit by the open door as the vehicle continued in reverse. The guard, who was holding onto the vehicle for fear of being run over, repeatedly told the driver to stop of which the driver would not. Fearing for his life, the guard drew his firearm and fired one round into the passenger compartment. The vehicle came to a stop and the guard was able to get out of the path of it. The driver then put the truck in gear and quickly pulled forward and around the security guard's car. The truck sped off eastbound on Via Zapata to northbound Canyon Crest.

The guard was transported to a nearby local hospital and treated for complaint of pain to his back. The guard was later released from the hospital.

A short time later, the truck arrived at Riverside County Regional Medical Center with one of its occupants suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. The subject was treated by medical staff, however succumbed to his gunshot wound. Two other subjects who were inside the truck were detained for questioning.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit responded to the scene and interviewed the involved parties and witnesses to the incident.

The driver of the truck, Efrain Castillo-Diaz, age 30, of Bloomington was booked into Robert Presley Detention Center for 245 PC (Assault with a Deadly Weapon). The name of the decedent will be released by the Coroner's Office pending notification.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Dave Smith at (951) 353-7103 or Detective Greg Rowe at (951) 353-7136.

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