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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** Thursday, October 21, 2010  
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### **Subject Threatening Suicide at School**

Riverside, CA -- On Thursday, October 21, 2010, at approximately 0657 hours, Riverside Police Officers responded to Patricia Beatty Elementary School located at 4261 Latham Street regarding a male subject standing on the roof of a building on the school campus threatening suicide. A school custodian had discovered the unknown suspect on the roof when he arrived for work. Students had not yet arrived for the start of school and the parking lot was blocked by school staff. When officers arrived on scene a safety perimeter was established. Riverside Unified School District officials cancelled classes for the day.

The Riverside Fire Department and an ambulance from American Medical Response were on scene to assist with any medical issues. Members of the Riverside Police Department Emergency Negotiations Team responded to the school and began over eight hours of interaction with the suspect. The suspect remained on the edge of the roof for the entire time and made a variety threats to jump alone and/or take any officer with him who would try to interfere with his plans. Officers from the tactical team were called and moved into position to monitor the suspect's activity on the roof. They were able to subdue him when he walked across the center beam of the roof and was no longer in danger of falling to the concrete sidewalk below. The suspect was taken for a psychiatric evaluation after he was taken into custody.

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