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Officer-Involved Shooting incident at park

Suspect and officer exchange gunfire; no injuries. Lone suspect under arrest

Riverside, CA -- Riverside Police are investigating a reported suspicious suspect with a gun who opened fire on a responding police officer Thursday morning. The officer returned gunfire with the lone male suspect. Several shots were exchanged but neither the suspect or officer were injured in the exchange. The suspect, described as a young black male, is in custody.

This morning about 9:15 a.m., the suspect entered the Union Bank of California branch at 3625 Vine St., near the intersection with Mission Inn Avenue. While attempting to cash checks, the suspect became agitated and left the business. Shortly afterward, Riverside Police dispatch received a call from a witness outside the bank reporting a man with a gun.

According to initial investigation, the suspect allegedly fired a handgun at a responding police officer near the intersection of Vine Street and Mission Inn Avenue. The officer returned fire. The exchange of gunfire continued as the suspect moved across nearby North Park. No one was injured.

The suspect fled onto the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks, where he was apprehended without further incident by an assisting officer. The suspect is identified as Kyle LEMMONS, 19, of Moreno Valley.

The large crime scene required the temporary closure of the railroad tracks, including Metrolink service, through Downtown Riverside, until shortly after noon. Rail traffic has resumed. Streets closed for the investigation include Mission Inn Avenue between the 91 freeway and Commerce Street, as well as adjacent north-south streets between University Avenue and Third Street.

Investigation continues. Anyone with information helpful to the criminal investigation is urged to call Riverside Police Detective Rick Wheeler at (951) 353-7134 or Detective Rick Cobb at (951) 353-7135.

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