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Officer Involved Shooting

Riverside, CA -- A Riverside Police officer fought with and shot an armed suspect following a short foot pursuit and struggle, Thursday evening.

The officer was checking a vehicle at a gas station near the corner of Van Buren Boulevard and Wells Avenue, at about 8:40 p.m. During the contact with the vehicle occupants, a male subject came out of a nearby store, exchanged words with the officer and fled on foot, westbound on Wells.

The officer pursued the suspect on foot. The officer and suspect had a physical confrontation. The suspect was armed with a handgun. The officer fired shots. Medical aid responders from the Riverside Fire Department pronounced the suspect dead at the scene. The suspect is a Hispanic male, approximately 30 years old.

It is unknown at this time whether or not the suspect had any connection to the vehicle that was the subject of the original police contact. The vehicle fled from the scene but was stopped a few blocks away. Investigation continues.

Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is asked to contact Riverside Police Detectives Dave Smith at (951) 353-7103 or Greg Rowe at (951) 353-7136.