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Officer Interrupts Armed Robbery

Riverside, CA – At approximately 0143 hours, a uniformed on-duty Riverside Police Officer interrupted an armed robbery at the 7-11 convenience store in the 8700 block of Indiana Avenue.

Officer Tim Carr, a 20 year veteran, was working uniformed patrol and observed a robbery occurring at the store. He observed a male suspect involved in a scuffle with the male clerk. This scuffle moved from the front of the store into the parking lot. Additionally, he observed a female suspect, armed with a handgun, attempting to join in the scuffle.

As Officer Carr requested assistance via his radio, he drove into the parking lot. As he did so, the armed female suspect ran inside the business. Officer Carr parked his police car between the subjects involved in the scuffle and the front of the store. This afforded protection for the store clerk and the officer from the armed suspect who had run into the store. Officer Carr was able to control the male suspect with verbal commands. This suspect was quickly taken into custody and the clerk was not injured as a result of the scuffle.

Assisting officers arrived and as a plan was being formulated, the female exited the store and surrendered. She was not armed at the time of the arrest.

A subsequent search of the interior of the business located the handgun the suspect had been carrying.

The male suspect, an unidentified 17 year old juvenile, was booked into the Riverside County Juvenile Hall.

The female suspect, Jessica Pruitt, 22, Perris, was booked into Robert Presley Detention Center.

Anyone with additional information is requested to contact Sgt. Derwin Hudson, (951) 353-7107.

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