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Officers fired upon during vehicle pursuit

Riverside, CA – On Sunday, November 29, 2009, at approximately 0430 hours, officers from the Riverside Police Department attempted to stop a vehicle in the downtown area, believed to have been occupied by a wanted felon. The suspect vehicle failed to yield to the police units and a pursuit was initiated.

During the pursuit, an occupant inside the suspect vehicle fired a weapon several times at the pursuing police units. Riverside Police Officers returned fire during the incident, which led them into Rubidoux, the unincorporated area of Riverside. The suspect vehicle came to rest on Twining St. and at least two adult subjects fled from the car.

During a search of the immediate area, information was developed that led to residences on Twining St. and Fort Dr. Members of the Riverside County Sheriff's SWAT Team responded to both locations and after negotiations with the occupants at both locations, numerous subjects exited the residence and were detained.

Mark Wallace (30) and Lisa Marlene Mitchell (43), both of Riverside, were taken into custody and later booked into Robert Presley Detention Center on multiple counts of attempt murder on a police officer, weapons charges, felony reckless driving, and parole violation.

The names of the involved officers are not being released at this time. No one was injured from the exchange of gunfire between the officers and the suspect. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Detective Dave Smith at (951) 353 - 7103 or Detective Greg Rowe at (951) 373 – 7136.

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