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ARMED BARRICADED SITUATION SAFELY RESOLVED

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Thursday, November 10, 2016, shortly before 9:00 a.m., a Riverside Police Officer was flagged down by a female teenager who said her father was standing to the front of their residence, in the 9700 block of Belmont Drive, waiving an assault rifle and making threats to harm neighbors. The man was described as being intoxicated and throwing beer cans toward his daughter.

Officers quickly arrived and set up a tactical perimeter around the residence. With the assistance of patrol, traffic and METRO/SWAT officers, residents living at the property and adjacent homes were safely evacuated while negotiators attempted to make contact with the suspect.

During this time, it was discovered the suspect was a convicted felon with previous weapons violations and family members confirmed he had several firearms in the house. Based on this information, detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence.

After attempting to establish communication with the suspect for several hours, the METRO/SWAT Team deployed chemical agents into the house which caused him to exit at about 4:15 p.m. He was combative and non-compliant but safely taken into



custody. The search warrant was served at the house and officers located several illegal weapons that included two assault rifles and portion of a third, high capacity assault rifle magazines, shotgun, long rifle and assault rifle ammunition.

The suspect was identified as Tommy Lee Ferris, 35-years-old of Riverside. He was taken to a local hospital for medical clearance then later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for criminal threats and multiple weapons violations.

The safe conclusion to this armed barricaded situation was a result of the excellent teamwork, professionalism and training by members of the Riverside Police Department.

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