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## IN-CUSTODY DEATH INVESTIGATION

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Sunday, July 22, 2018, at approximately 12:44 p.m., Riverside Police Officers responded to the McDonald's restaurant, located in the 2200 block of University Avenue in the Eastside neighborhood of Riverside, for reports of a male adult subject who was assaulting employees and customers inside the business. As officers were on the way, they learned the suspect was now being restrained by a customer.

When officers arrived, they found one of the victims, a male adult customer, physically restraining the suspect on the ground near the counter. Officers placed handcuffs on the suspect, turned him on his side, and then summoned for medical aid. Paramedics with the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response arrived and began treating the suspect. The handcuffs were removed and he was placed in soft restraints attached to the ambulance gurney. The suspect went into medical distress on the way to a local hospital, and upon arrival, emergency room staff continued life-saving measures. At 2:13 p.m., the suspect was pronounced deceased.

In accordance with Riverside Police Department policy and procedures for in-custody deaths, detectives with the Robbery – Homicide Unit responded to assume the investigation. They were assisted by Specialists with the Forensics Unit and the Riverside County Sheriff – Coroner's office. The identity of the decedent and cause of death are pending the Coroner's investigation.

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There are no other details available at this time. If anyone has information regarding this investigation, please contact Detective Rick Cobb at (951) 353-7135 or [rickcobb@riversideca.gov](mailto:rickcobb@riversideca.gov).

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