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SUSPECT SHOOTS AT OFFICERS

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Monday, February 20, 2017, at about 10:50 p.m., Riverside Police Officers attempted to conduct a check on a suspicious occupied vehicle in the 4000 block of MacArthur Road, just north of Garfield Street. As they approached the occupied vehicle, a subject standing next to it ran north down MacArthur Rd. Officers followed and the subject fired several shots at them with a firearm. There was an exchange of gunfire and the officers were not struck. It was unknown if the suspect was hit, but he continued to flee north through the neighborhood.

Officers established a tactical perimeter and called in additional resources which included the METRO (SWAT) Team. As the investigation progressed, officers were able to narrow their search to a residence in the 9300 block of Sage Street, east of MacArthur Rd. Officers established communications with the occupants of the house and several came out. One remained inside and refused to respond to any further requests that he exit. Detectives later obtained a search warrant for the premises and a fire started inside while officers were maintaining a perimeter around the house. The Riverside Fire Department was summoned and the METRO Team assisted while firefighting efforts were made.



The cause of the fire is still under investigation. When the fire was extinguished and the structure searched, a deceased body was located. The identity of that body is pending the Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner's investigation.

This is still an on-going investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Rick Cobb at (951) 353-7135 or Detective Rick Wheeler at (951) 353-7134.

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