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## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

**DATE:** November 28, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Officer Involved Shooting Death of Vicente Robert Martinez, which occurred on November 18, 2014

**CASE:** Riverside Police Department File #P14-175586

**LOCATION:** 10479 Keller Avenue, Riverside

On November 25, 2014, I attended the Executive Briefing of the officer involved shooting death of Vicente Martinez. The briefing was held at the Riverside Police Department's Magnolia sub-station, conducted by Homicide Detectives, and directed towards Riverside Police Department Command Staff. I learned that on the day of the incident Narcotics detectives received information that Vicente Martinez was in possession of methamphetamine and a handgun. A surveillance was set up near Mr. Martinez's residence located at 5433 Bushnell Avenue, and he was observed driving in the area.

Mr. Martinez's vehicle, a 2014 Nissan Frontier, was observed to fail to stop at the stop sign located at Keller Avenue and Jones Avenue and a traffic stop was attempted. Mr. Martinez failed to yield to the police emergency lights and waved in the direction of pursuing police officers. Mr. Martinez continued to his residence, which was the rear unit of a duplex. He exited his vehicle, after driving down a very long driveway, and placed his hands in the air. Several Riverside police officers got out of their police vehicles and ordered him to the ground. Mr. Martinez began to walk backwards and suddenly, turned and ran towards the backyard of his residence. He climbed the fence



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and ended up in the backyard of 10479 Keller Avenue, running around the corner of the garage. Officers Marco Ortiz and Jeffrey Adcox followed Mr. Martinez around the corner of the garage and observed that Mr. Martinez had stopped and was pointing a .40 caliber pistol at Officer Adcox. Fearing for his partner's life, Officer Ortiz drew his duty handgun and fired eight shots, striking and killing Mr. Martinez.

Subsequent investigation revealed the handgun in possession of Mr. Martinez was loaded with 11 live rounds and had been reported stolen in 2011. A quantity of methamphetamine was also recovered in Mr. Martinez's pants pocket.

On November 26, 2014, I responded to the location of the shooting to conduct a neighborhood canvass. The purpose of this canvass was to search for potential witnesses who had not been located by Riverside Police Department at the time of the incident.

I observed the scene to be a residential neighborhood with very large, deep lots. I made note that Mr. Martinez's residence was on Bushnell Avenue, 3 houses north of Keller Avenue. I also observed the location of the shooting was on Keller Avenue, 3 houses east of Bushnell Avenue. There was a fence that separated the two locations.

I made contact at several residences on Keller Avenue from Bushnell Avenue to Jones Avenue and on Bushnell Avenue from Keller Avenue to Campbell Avenue. I was unable to locate any additional witnesses to the shooting. The residents of the area were generally cooperative. I will review the facts of this case when Riverside Police Department provides me access to their files.



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