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Officer Involved Shooting - Update

Riverside, CA – On Saturday, January 7, 2012, at approximately 4:10 pm, police officers from the Riverside Police Department responded to the 10700 block of Cypress Avenue in the City of Riverside regarding a domestic violence call. This incident resulted in an officer involved shooting.

Detectives have learned that David Ledezma, 52, of Riverside, and his wife had been driving home and got into an argument. Mr. Ledezma assaulted his wife causing a bloody nose. When they got home, the wife asked family members to call the police.

When officers arrived, Mr. Ledezma, was removing what appeared to be tools out of the trunk of a vehicle and throwing them in the front yard. Family members pointed out Mr. Ledezma as the person they had called about. Several officers contacted the suspect who was uncooperative and very angry. The suspect refused to follow directions from the officers. Mr. Ledezma pulled a pocket knife out of his pants pocket, opened it and then put it against his neck and threatened to stab himself. The officers told the suspect several times to drop the knife which he eventually dropped.

Mr. Ledezma walked away from the officers and picked up a large metal pipe. He was again ordered by officers to drop the pipe but he refused. Mr. Ledezma raised the pipe over his shoulder and threw it at the officers. The officers had to move to avoid being hit with the pipe.

A less lethal TASER was deployed by one of the officers, but it was ineffective. Mr. Ledezma picked up another large metal pipe and began hitting objects in the yard with it. Mr. Ledezma was ordered to drop the pipe by the officers. He refused to drop the pipe, raised the pipe above his shoulder and moved towards the officers. Fearing for their safety, the three officers discharged their duty weapons striking Mr. Ledezma several times.

Medical aid was summoned and the suspect was treated by personnel from the Riverside Fire Department and American Medical Response (AMR). AMR transported the suspect to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Detectives from the Centralized Investigations Bureau's Robbery/Homicide Unit and technicians from the Forensic Evidence Unit continue to investigate this incident.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective Rick Cobb at (951)353-7135 or Detective Rick Wheeler at (951)353-7134.

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