

## **RIVERSIDE: Police kill man who pulled gun on officers (UPDATE)**

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**Riverside police investigate the shooting of a man who officers say pulled a gun on them at Arlington Park on Dec. 31. — BRIAN ROKOS/STAFF**

*Updates with identity, background of deceased man*

Riverside police shot to death a wanted 20-year-old man who they said pulled a gun on them late Tuesday morning, Dec. 31, at Arlington Park.

About 11:30 a.m., two officers with the Problem Oriented Policing team were questioning two people in the park on Van Buren Boulevard near Magnolia Avenue, a news release said. When

police tried to handcuff Dontae Hayes, of Riverside, he pulled out a handgun and one or both officers fired, killing him.

No officers were injured, Officer Javier Cabrera said.

Court records show that a warrant for Hayes' arrest was issued in Riverside County on March 14, apparently after he failed to show up for a felony settlement conference. Hayes had been charged with receiving stolen property, a felony, in connection with a Sept. 1, 2012 incident.

Hayes' body lay on the playground chest down, with his head tilted to the side and his hands handcuffed behind his back. Police Chief Sergio Diaz said that when an officer shoots a suspect, the next arriving officer handcuffs the suspect for officer safety until paramedics arrive.

Paramedics pronounced Hayes dead at the scene.

The park was closed and surrounded by yellow crime scene tape.

More than a dozen police investigators were at the park early Tuesday afternoon.

This was the second officer-involved shooting for Riverside in 60 hours. Just after midnight Sunday, two officers fired at a car that had tried to run them over. The driver and a passenger were shot.

The driver, Remijio Madriles Jr., 35, has three convictions for recklessly evading police and was on supervised probation despite pleading guilty to grand theft auto and being a repeat auto thief in July.

Ron Martinelli, a police training consultant in Temecula, has said December is the most violent time of the year for officers. He said in a 2012 interview that people who don't have families or who are disenfranchised from loved ones, or have some other emotional trauma in their lives, become even more depressed as the holidays approach, and others' spirits soar.

When Diaz was asked Tuesday whether he feared more for officers' safety during the holidays, he talked about the early release from jail of what are categorized as non-violent offenders that results from a court order to decrease the prison population.

"The biggest threat for me," Diaz said, "is the large numbers of people who should be in jail except for the so-called reforms. We need to go by what they (criminals) do and not what they say."