

RIVERSIDE: Suspect shot and killed by police identified (UPDATE)

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Riverside police early Saturday morning investigate a shooting. A police officer shot a man to death late Friday who had opened fire on him, police said. (Photo: Chris Ercoli/The Press-Enterprise)

What's new: Man killed by officer identified

A Riverside police officer shot and killed a man Friday night, Nov. 22, who had opened fire on the officer, police said.

The man who was shot was identified as Adolfo Ramirez, 37, of Riverside, according to a Riverside County coroner's news release.

The unidentified officer, a four-year veteran, was not injured, Lt. Larry Gonzalez said near the command post on La Cadena Drive. Two other people in the gold-colored car, a man and a woman, were taken in for questioning and then released.

The officer, who was on patrol in his beat near the downtown train station, was checking on the occupied vehicle about 11:30 p.m. near a closed gas station where First Street becomes La Cadena.

The officer exited his vehicle and a subject outside the vehicle produced a handgun. The suspect took up a defensive position at the front of the car, Gonzalez said. The man fired at least three shots. Two bullets struck the officer's driver-side door, one under the American flag decal and one a little farther back under the side-view mirror, Gonzalez said.

A third bullet hit a nearby truck.

The officer put out a radio call that he was taking cover behind his car, Gonzalez said.

The shooter was lying in the road close to 3020 La Cadena.

Police hoped that surveillance cameras on a nearby business taped the incident, and a businessman arrived about 2 a.m. to retrieve the video.

Detectives and forensic technicians processed the scene and a handgun was recovered from the suspect's location.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Dave Smith at 951-353-7103 or Detective Greg Rowe at 951-353-7136.