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## Police Department

**DATE:** January 28, 2014

**TO:** SERGEANT DAN RUSSELL

**FROM:** DETECTIVE DAVID SMITH

**RE:** SUMMARY: 664-187 PC OF A P.O / OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

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**CASE NUMBER:** P13-169-168

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** Friday – November 22, 2013

**TIME OF INCIDENT:** 2327 hours

**LOCATION:** 3020 East La Cadena, Riverside CA  
Poma Automated Fueling

**INVOLVED OFFICER:** Officer Shadee Hunt # 1680

**OFFICER INJURIES:** None

**SUSPECT:** Ramirez, Adolfo DOB: 04-14-76 DECEASED  
HMA 5'04 180 Blk Bro  
LKA: 6803 Green, Riverside CA

**SUSPECT'S INJURIES:** Gunshot wound to left chest.

**CIVILIAN WITNESSES:** Suarez, Stephanie DOB: [REDACTED]

Estrada, Jose De La Luz DOB: [REDACTED]

Rodriguez, Mauricio DOB: [REDACTED]

Rodriguez, Lorena DOB: [REDACTED]

Galicia, Brandon DOB: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**WITNESSES CONT.** Hernandez, Vivian Lucero DOB: [REDACTED]

Hernandez, Irma DOB: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**CIVILIAN INJURIES:** None

## **SUMMARY**

On November 22, 2013, at 2327 hours, Riverside Police Officer Shadee Hunt #1680 was on routine patrol in a marked police car southbound East La Cadena towards Vine Street when he saw S-Adolfo Ramirez run eastbound across the street in front of him. As Officer Shadee Hunt drove closer, he saw S-Adolfo Ramirez walking towards a vehicle parked facing north in a parking area south of the closed business at 3020 East La Cadena. The name of the business, "Poma Automated Fueling," is an unmanned, automated self-fueling station. Officer Shadee Hunt stopped his patrol vehicle adjacent to the parked car and asked S-Adolfo Ramirez what he was doing. S-Adolfo Ramirez continued to walk away to the passenger side of the parked car and replied, "I'm good". Officer Shadee Hunt felt that S-Adolfo Ramirez was acting suspiciously, so he got out of his police car and asked him again what he was doing. S-Adolfo Ramirez answered, "We're good" and immediately produced a .38 caliber revolver. S-Adolfo Ramirez then shot at Officer Shadee Hunt three times over the roof of the suspect vehicle. Officer Shadee Hunt was not hit by the gunfire and moved to cover behind his patrol car. Officer Shadee Hunt returned gunfire (two shots) with his duty weapon and struck S-Adolfo Ramirez once in the chest. S-Adolfo Ramirez was deceased at the scene.

It was later determined that S-Adolfo Ramirez was a 37 year old Riverside resident on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) with a lengthy criminal record.

The vehicle that S-Adolfo Ramirez walked to, a tan 1997 Nissan Altima, CA Plate 7CHH175, was occupied by two people. The subject sitting in the driver's seat was identified as Jose De La Luz Estrada and the rear passenger was identified as Stephanie Lee Suarez. The vehicle windows were struck by Officer Shadee Hunt's gunfire, but the occupants were uninjured.

After Jose Estrada and Stephanie Suarez were removed from the vehicle, officers ordered S-Adolfo Ramirez out of the vehicle. S-Adolfo Ramirez was slumped face forward over the front passenger seat and he was half in and half out of the vehicle. S-Adolfo Ramirez didn't respond to officer's commands and officers did not know if he was alive or know where the gun was located. Officer Kevin Feimer then deployed his police canine 'Sando' to S-Adolfo Ramirez. The canine grabbed onto S-Adolfo Ramirez's jacket and pulled him a few feet away from the car. As the canine did this, S-Adolfo Ramirez's gun fell onto the ground from

underneath him. The gun was not disturbed until investigators arrived and processed the scene. S-Adolfo Ramirez was handcuffed by officers and declared deceased by medical personnel.

Patrol officers located and interviewed several witnesses at a family party in the yard of a residence at 3055 East La Cadena. These witnesses saw S-Adolfo Ramirez shooting at Officer Shadee Hunt. Investigators were also directed to a residence at 3071 East La Cadena that was directly across the street from where the suspect vehicle was parked. The address is a known 'drug house' and it was learned that the suspect was at the location just prior to going to the vehicle across the street. A subsequent probation search of 3071 East La Cadena revealed several subjects who claimed that they did not know S-Adolfo Ramirez.

Officer Shadee Hunt was transported to the Magnolia Police Station.

#### **CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS**

##### **IN SUSPECT VEHICLE**

SUAREZ, Stephanie Lee – rear passenger  
ESTRADA, Jose De La Luz – driver

Detective Greg Rowe and I interviewed Jose Estrada and Detective Ron Sanfilippo interviewed Stephanie Suarez. The following is a summary of their statements:

Jose Estrada and Stephanie Suarez said they only knew S-Adolfo Ramirez as an acquaintance from the neighborhood. They knew him as "Smirks" or "Angel Boy."

Jose Estrada said he was at his cousin's house at 2174 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Riverside. At approximately 2230 hours, Stephanie Suarez arrived on foot looking for her son. Her son was not there and she decided to remain at the residence. About 30 minutes later, S-Adolfo Ramirez arrived on foot and asked Jose Estrada for a ride to an unknown house nearby.

Stephanie Suarez's version of how all of them met up was a little different than Jose Estrada's version. She said she was out looking for her son alone and met up with S-Adolfo Ramirez as both saw each other walking in the neighborhood. S-Adolfo Ramirez and Stephanie Suarez walked together and S-Adolfo Ramirez told her he was going to Jose Estrada's house to ask him for a ride. When they got Jose Estrada's house, S-Adolfo Ramirez went inside to talk to Jose Estrada and Stephanie Suarez stayed outside. A few minutes later, Jose Estrada and S-Adolfo Ramirez came out of the house and S-Adolfo Ramirez asked Stephanie Suarez if she wanted to ride along with them. Stephanie Suarez agreed and got into the rear seat of Jose Estrada's tan Nissan Altima.

S-Adolfo Ramirez directed Jose Estrada to 3071 East La Cadena. Jose Estrada didn't know the address, but described it as the house with an old car in the driveway. Jose Estrada parked in the driveway and S-Adolfo Ramirez got out of the vehicle and told them he would be right back. A few minutes later, S-Adolfo Ramirez returned and told Jose Estrada to park the car across the street. Then S-Adolfo Ramirez went back into the house. Jose Estrada parked the car in an empty lot area across the street.

After approximately 10 minutes, Jose Estrada saw a marked police car south bound on East La Cadena. He then noticed S-Adolfo Ramirez walking back across the street toward Jose

Estrada's parked car. The police car spotlight was illuminating S-Adolfo Ramirez. S-Adolfo Ramirez continued walking toward the passenger side of Jose Estrada's vehicle. The police car pulled up adjacent to them and Jose Estrada heard S-Adolfo Ramirez say something like, "It's cool, It's cool", as he opened the front passenger door of the Nissan Altima. Jose Estrada and Stephanie Suarez suddenly heard three (3) to five (5) gunshots. Jose Estrada described it as an exchange of gunfire. S-Adolfo Ramirez then slumped halfway into the front passenger seat and didn't move. More officers arrived and Jose Estrada and Stephanie Suarez were ordered out of the vehicle and taken to the Magnolia Police Station.

Jose Estrada and Stephanie Suarez said they never saw S-Adolfo Ramirez with a gun and had no idea what he was doing at that residence. They were later released from the station and given a ride to their residences.

#### **CLEANING CREW 3020 E. LA CADENA**

RODRIGUEZ, Mauricio  
RODRIGUEZ, Lorena

Video obtained from a nearby business (Eagle Road Service 3011 E. La Cadena) showed a white full size truck in the parking lot of 3020 East La Cadena during the incident. This truck left immediately after the shooting. Detective Mike Medici was able to learn from Poma Fueling management that the truck belonged to Mauricio Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez is the cleaning service employee for the office at Poma Fueling. Detective Mike Medici obtained Mr. Rodriguez's phone number. Riverside Police Department Officer Neely Nakamura called Mr. Rodriguez and his wife, Lorena Rodriguez. She interviewed them in Spanish. This following is a summary of their statements:

Mauricio Rodriguez and Lorena Rodriguez had just cleaned the offices at Poma Fueling. Mauricio Rodriguez was putting their supplies in the back of the truck and Lorena Rodriguez was in the cab of the truck when Mauricio Rodriguez noticed S-Adolfo Ramirez walking east across East La Cadena towards a vehicle parked south of them. Mauricio Rodriguez clearly saw S-Adolfo Ramirez carrying a pistol down by his right leg and believed that S-Adolfo Ramirez was going to rob his wife and him. He told Lorena Rodriguez that if S-Adolfo Ramirez came over to them, she was to speed off in the truck and he would run through a hole in the chain link fence to the railroad tracks east of them. Mauricio Rodriguez then noticed a police car traveling southbound on East La Cadena. The police car pulled up near them and he saw a spotlight first directed on Mauricio Rodriguez and his truck, and then on S-Adolfo Ramirez. Mauricio Rodriguez heard S-Adolfo Ramirez yell towards the police car something similar to, "Get the light off of me." Mauricio Rodriguez told his wife to get down in the truck because he believed there was going to be a "Shootout." A uniformed police officer started to get out of the driver's door of the police car. Mauricio Rodriguez saw S-Adolfo Ramirez raise his pistol and fire two (2) to three (3) times at the officer. The officer ran around the side of his car and returned fire; apparently striking S-Adolfo Ramirez, who slumped over. Mauricio Rodriguez said he immediately got into the truck and Lorena Rodriguez tried to speed off, but she stalled the engine a few times out of nervousness. She was finally able to drive the vehicle and they left the area out of fear.

Lorena Rodriguez said she didn't see anything because she was looking the opposite direction when the shooting occurred. However, she saw her husband looking in the direction of the police activity. Just before she heard shots, her husband warned her to get down.

## **IN FRONT YARD AT 3055 E. LA CADENA**

GALICIA, Brandon  
[REDACTED]

HERNANDEZ, Vivian  
[REDACTED]

All of the above listed persons were in the front yard of 3055 East La Cadena attending a family party. The address of 3055 East La Cadena is next door (north) to 3071 East La Cadena; which is where investigators believe S-Adolfo Ramirez had been prior to the shooting.

All of these witnesses, with the exception of [REDACTED] heard two (2) to three (3) gunshots. They saw S-Adolfo Ramirez standing on the passenger side of the suspect vehicle, which was parked across the street. S-Adolfo Ramirez was armed with handgun and he was shooting in a westerly direction towards Officer Shadee Hunt. [REDACTED] was the only person who saw Officer Shadee Hunt return fire towards S-Adolfo Ramirez after the initial shots from S-Adolfo Ramirez.

[REDACTED] heard the shots and looked to see Officer Shadee Hunt ducking behind his car. She did not see anyone shooting.

All of these witnesses ran into the house for cover when shots were fired and they did not see anything else.

## **ON PORCH AT 3091 E. LA CADENA**

HERNANDEZ, Irma

The address of 3091 East La Cadena is next door (south) to 3071 East La Cadena. Irma Hernandez was standing on her porch waiting for her daughter to come home when she noticed the suspect vehicle parked across the street in the parking lot. She thought it was suspicious because she had never seen the vehicle before that time. She then saw a police car traveling south on East La Cadena and she turned around to go into the house. Shortly afterward she heard four (4) gunshots, but did not see anything. A truck belonging to her husband that was parked in front of the house was struck by one stray round. The damage is presumed to be from S-Adolfo Ramirez's weapon. Irma Hernandez confirmed that the damage was not there before the shooting.

## **INVOLVED OFFICER'S STATEMENT**

### **Officer HUNT, Shadee**

Officer Shadee Hunt told Detective Greg Rowe and me that he was working alone on the graveyard shift assigned to the North NPC and his designator was "A137". He had just left a

call and was driving south on East La Cadena towards Vine Street when he saw a pedestrian (later identified as S-Adolfo Ramirez) run across the street in front of him. As he drove up to the area where the pedestrian crossed the road, he saw the same subject walking towards a 4-door Nissan Altima parked in a darkened parking area adjacent to a self-automated gas station (at 3020 East La Cadena). He thought the suspect's actions looked suspicious, so he turned on his spotlight and illuminated the subject to see what he was doing. Officer Shadee Hunt then stopped his police unit adjacent to the parked vehicle. He noticed that someone was sitting in the driver's seat of the parked car; however, he was trying to keep his eyes on the pedestrian.

Officer Shadee Hunt described the pedestrian subject as a Hispanic male wearing a black baseball style cap and a black jacket.

Officer Shadee Hunt said he rolled down his window and asked the pedestrian, "What are you doing?" S-Adolfo Ramirez continued walking to the parked vehicle. As he was walking around the vehicle trunk area to the passenger side, S-Adolfo Ramirez replied, "Oh, I'm good." Officer Shadee Hunt believed S-Adolfo Ramirez was trying to avoid him and was acting suspiciously, so he started to get out of his police car. He again asked S-Adolfo Ramirez what he was doing. S-Adolfo Ramirez replied, "We're good," and continued walking to the passenger side of the vehicle. Officer Shadee Hunt could only see S-Adolfo Ramirez's head over the roof of the parked car. Almost immediately, S-Adolfo Ramirez brought his arms up over the roof of the car. Officer Shadee Hunt saw muzzle flashes and heard two (2) gunshots. He realized that S-Adolfo Ramirez was shooting at him.

Officer Shadee Hunt said he ran around the front of his police car for cover and returned fire in the direction he last saw S-Adolfo Ramirez. He believed he fired two (2) or three (3) times. Officer Shadee Hunt stopped shooting when he realized that S-Adolfo Ramirez was not shooting at him anymore.

Officer Shadee Hunt said that after the gunfire he could not see S-Adolfo Ramirez and thought that he was probably hiding behind the parked car. He had no idea if any of his shots had struck S-Adolfo Ramirez. Officer Shadee Hunt thought he heard some communication between S-Adolfo Ramirez and the driver of the parked car, but the talking only lasted for a few seconds and he did not comprehend the conversation. Officer Shadee Hunt said he got on the radio and broadcast the shooting, his location and the suspect description. He remained by his patrol vehicle until other police units arrived.

#### **WEAPONS CHARTING**

Officer Shadee Hunt was carrying a department issued Glock, model 22, .40 caliber, semi-automatic pistol and two spare magazines on his duty belt. He had a Glock model 27, .40 caliber, semi-automatic pistol on his right ankle as a back-up weapon and he had a Colt .556 mm rifle in the trunk of his police car.

Detective Jim Brandt and Evidence Tech Selena McKay-Davis were assigned to chart Officer Shadee Hunt's weapons. The charting determined that two (2) rounds were missing from his Glock, model 22, duty weapon. The spare magazines, his back-up weapon and rifle were still full to capacity.

#### **SCENES / EVIDENCE**

## **3020 East La Cadena**

Detective Rick Wheeler, Detective Mike Medici and Detective Jim Brandt processed the scene on East La Cadena. They located Officer Shadee Hunt's Police Unit #3934 still running and parked facing south on East La Cadena; across the street from 3071 East La Cadena. The vehicle appeared to have two (2) bullet strikes to the driver's side door area under the spotlight. Two (2) expended .40 caliber casings were located in the ground on the passenger side of this police unit.

Just south of Officer Shadee Hunt's police car, and on the west side of the street in front of 3091 East La Cadena, was a parked a green Toyota T100 truck, CA license plate 6E19825. This truck appeared to have been struck by one (1) projectile in the driver's side door area.

The suspect vehicle was parked adjacent to the police vehicle in the parking area south of the business at 3020 East La Cadena. The vehicle was facing in the opposite direction of the police vehicle. It was a tan colored Nissan Altima with CA license plate 7CHH175. The vehicle ignition was off. The front passenger door, the rear driver's side door and the trunk were open. Single bullet holes were located in both rear side windows and the front passenger window. The driver's window was rolled down and shattered inside the door. Two cell phones were located inside the car; one on the driver's seat and one on the front passenger floorboard. A third cell phone was located on the ground outside of the driver's door. This cell phone was connected to a charging cord.

On the ground outside the open passenger door of the Nissan Altima was a Smith and Wesson, six shot, .38 caliber revolver with blood on it. This revolver was examined and found to have three (3) fired casings in it, one (1) live round and two (2) empty chambers.

S-Adolfo Ramirez was located face down on the ground; just east of the gun and the open passenger door. He was dressed in a black jacket, dark shirt, black jeans and he was handcuffed. He was later found to have what appeared to be a single gunshot wound to his left chest. The Deputy Coroner identified S-Adolfo Ramirez by a California Identification card located in his right front pants pocket. A hypodermic syringe was found in his left rear pants pocket.

Permission to search the Nissan was later obtained from the registered owner, Gloria Aguirre, and the driver, Jose Estrada. On November 26, 2013, the vehicle was searched. Items collected included a small amount of suspected heroin found under the front passenger seat and an approximately 10 inch long awl (like a pick) on the rear floorboard. After examining the bullet holes in the windows, it is believed that one of Officer Shadee Hunt's rounds passed through both front windows and the other round passed through both rear windows. Both rounds were traveling from driver's side to passenger side. One of these rounds apparently struck S-Adolfo Ramirez in the chest.

### **VIDEO**

### **COBAN**

COBAN video was obtained from Officer Shadee Hunt's police vehicle.

The COBAN video is buffered video and there is no audio. The video shows Officer Shadee Hunt's police vehicle traveling southbound on East La Cadena towards Vine Street. A pedestrian runs across the street ahead of the police car. Officer Shadee Hunt activates his spotlight as he slows down and parks adjacent to the area that the pedestrian was last seen running. Within 20 seconds, Officer Shadee Hunt is seen running around the front of his police car to the passenger side. Immediately, one (1) or two (2) puffs of smoke are seen discharging in an easterly direction on the video. This smoke is believed to be gunfire from Officer Shadee Hunt's weapon. No other part of the incident was captured.

#### **SURVEILLANCE VIDEO**

Video was acquired from two area businesses. Detective Mike Medici obtained video from Eagle Road Service at 3011 East La Cadena and the Poma Automated Fueling at 3020 East La Cadena. Both videos are very poor quality and depict Officer Shadee Hunt's police car arriving on scene and his spotlight turning on. The video from Eagle Road service shows what appears to be muzzle flashes from the area of the suspect vehicle; however, the video is very grainy and poor quality. A full size pickup can be seen parked next to the offices at the gas station, north of the suspect vehicle. This vehicle drives away after the shooting. Detective Medici was able to identify the vehicle as belonging to the cleaning crew for Poma Fueling. (See CLEANING CREW 3020 EAST LA CADENA under CIVILIAN WITNESSES).

#### **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)**

Officer Shadee Hunt's .40 caliber Glock semi-automatic pistol was submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ) along with the two (2) expended .40 caliber casings found at the scene and the single projectile recovered from S-Adolfo Ramirez during autopsy. Senior DOJ Criminalist Richard Takenaga examined these items and determined that Officer Shadee Hunt's pistol fired the expended .40 caliber casings and may have fired the projectile. The fired projectile did not have enough identifying individual characteristics due to damage.

S-Adolfo Ramirez's .38 caliber revolver was submitted for a function check. Senior Criminalist Takenaga determined that the pistol functioned properly. There were no projectiles recovered from this weapon and the expended casings were located in the weapon at the scene.

#### **SUSPECT RAMIREZ'S CRIMINAL HISTORY**

S-Adolfo Ramirez has a lengthy criminal history which is located in Tab 61 in this case book.