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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Officer Ryan Bonaminio's Biography**

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Officer Ryan Bonaminio  
ID # 1529  
Hire Date: July 3, 2006  
End of Watch: November 7, 2010

Officer Ryan Bonaminio was born in Riverside, California on November 25, 1982, to Joseph and Geraldine Bonaminio, along with his brother Christopher and sister Nicole. He was raised in Riverside, California and graduated in 2000 from Ramona High School, Riverside.

After high school, Ryan joined the United States Army. He completed his Army Basic training and Military Police training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Ryan served two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was a military police officer with the 314<sup>th</sup> Military Police and his assignments included serving in Umm Qasr, Kuwait City, Bagdad, and Mosuc. He also served in the 282nd Base Support Battalion in Hohenfels, Germany. Officer Bonaminio served with honor and distinction. He was highly praised by his peers and superiors. He earned several medals including the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Reserve Mobilization Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, and Expert Qualification Badge- 9mm pistol.

Ryan transitioned from military service to law enforcement with the Riverside Police Department on July 7, 2006. He continued his commitment to the US Army Reserves. According to his US Army Military Police Reserve Sergeant Tamara Colosimo, "Ryan has always done what is morally right. He has integrity in everything that he does. Ryan would make a great police officer." Ryan graduated from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy on December 21, 2006. Following his graduation from the Field Training Program, he was assigned to Field Operations, where he was very proactive in his favorite area of the city; the North Neighborhood Policing Center.

Ryan's core values resonated in his belief in service to the community. He actively connected with residents and always knew what was happening in his beat area. Ryan was always trying to better himself and had a terrific sense of humor reserved for his closest friends. Ryan was an avid Anaheim Ducks Professional Hockey Team fan and season ticket holder.

On the night of November 7, 2010, Officer Ryan Bonaminio was gunned down by an unknown assailant following his traffic stop of a suspected hit and run driver. (See Press Release) Riverside Police Department Chief of Police Sergio Diaz stated, "Officer Ryan Bonaminio's tragic death is a reminder to all of us in the law enforcement family that the supreme sacrifice of our service is also a cost borne by our loved ones, our families, and our community".

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