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Officer Involved Shooting

Riverside, CA – On March 15, 2010, at approximately 10:20 p.m. officers from the Riverside Police Department were attempting to contact two subjects sitting in a parked vehicle, in the 3600 block of La Sierra Avenue.

As the officers approached the vehicle, they issued commands to the driver to shut off the vehicle's engine. The driver, an adult male, refused to comply with the officer's orders.

With one officer on each side of the vehicle, the driver put the car in reverse, and attempted to flee the area nearly pinning one of the officers between two vehicles. This action by the driver led to an officer involved shooting.

The adult male driver was struck by the officers' gunfire and was transported to a local hospital, where he received treatment for non-life threatening injuries. The adult female passenger was not injured during the incident.

Detectives from the Centralized Investigations Bureau and Forensic Evidence Unit responded to the scene and conducted the investigation.

Joseph Mango (24), of Riverside was arrested and booked into Riverside County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon, grand theft auto, and being in possession of a controlled substance. The female passenger, Melissa Martinez (22), of Riverside was book into Riverside County Jail for possession of stolen property.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective Steve Shumway at (951)353-7138 or Detective Ron Sanfilippo at (951)353-7105.

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