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Officer Involved Shooting

Suspect injured while fleeing, walks back to crime scene

Riverside, CA -- Riverside Police are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred during the investigation of a suspected drug transaction on a city street.

Two officers on patrol encountered a suspected drug transaction taking place through a vehicle window in the 2800-block of Grace Street at about 4:50 p.m., Friday, January 11, 2008. One suspect standing outside the vehicle was handcuffed without incident. The two occupants of the vehicle did not obey officer orders to get out of the vehicle or display their hands. When the driver attempted to back away from the scene, one of the officers broke the driver's side window in an attempt to stop the vehicle, sustaining injury.

According to preliminary investigation, the vehicle crashed into a parked car. The driver then shifted and drove forward toward the other officer. This second officer fired his service weapon, striking the driver. The vehicle continued to flee north on Grace and east on Lincoln Avenue until it crashed about two blocks away at Lincoln and Beloit Avenue. Both suspects fled the vehicle on foot.

The injured driver made his way back to the original crime scene on Grace, where he surrendered without further incident. He was transported by ambulance to Riverside Community Hospital for treatment. The passenger remained at large and was the subject of an extensive search until his capture at a residence in the 2800-block of Blackstone at 6:20 p.m.

A fourth person, a female, was arrested for assisting the first handcuffed suspect.

The investigation continues. Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is asked to call Detective Dave Smith at (951) 353-7103.

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