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Reluctant suspect falls through ceiling to capture

Riverside, CA -- Riverside Police arrested a wanted felon after a five-hour standoff when he fell through the ceiling of the residence he was occupying, landing at the feet of searching officers.

Henry Gabriel PEREYRA, 48, was occupying the home of his estranged wife in the 6900-block of Farrier Ave., in violation of a restraining order. Friday afternoon, about 6 p.m., a civilian process server unsuccessfully tried to serve Pereyra with an eviction notice. The server flagged down passing police officers.

The suspect refused to follow police commands to come out of the house. On-duty METRO tactical officers established a perimeter and eventually entered the home. As officers entered the residence, the suspect fell through the floor of the attic, where he had been hiding, smashing through the ceiling and landing in the midst of officers below. He was immediately arrested. Pereyra also had a felony warrant stemming from a previous assault with a deadly weapon charge, which carried \$100,000 bail.

The suspect was taken to Riverside Community Hospital for medical clearance before booking at Robert Presley Detention Center.

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