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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
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**File #P09008550**

### **Officer shoots subject who was armed with a handgun**

Riverside, CA – On Saturday, January 17, 2009, at approximately 1756 hrs, officers from the Riverside Police Department responded to a residence in the 3400 blk of Spruce Street in the city of Riverside reference a subject with a gun. Upon arrival to the residence, the officers learned that an adult male subject (38 yrs of Riverside) was involved in a family disturbance with his relatives at that location and threatened to harm them with a loaded handgun he had in his possession. The male subject left the residence with the handgun prior to the officers' arrival and was walking through the neighborhood.

A short time later, the Riverside Police Department Communication's Center received additional calls from the same Spruce Street residence alerting officers to the suspect's location on Mulberry Street in the city of Riverside. Officers responded to the 2800 blk of Mulberry Street where they were contacted by a homeowner who informed the officers that the suspect had just entered their residence with a handgun. As the officers were speaking with the homeowner, the suspect was sighted by the homeowner and identified to the officers. The suspect was holding a handgun when he was contacted by one of the officer's in a vacant dirt lot. The suspect pointed the handgun he was holding at the officer and the officer fired his duty weapon at the suspect. The suspect was struck by the officer's gunfire. Personnel from American Medical Response and the Riverside City Fire Department responded to the scene. The suspect succumbed to his gunshot wound and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The name of the deceased subject will be released by the Riverside County Coroner's Office. The identity of the officer will not be released at this time. The officer is currently off-duty on his assigned days off.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Detective Rick Wheeler at (951) 353-7134 or Detective Rick Cobb at (951) 353-7135.

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