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Officer Involved Shooting

Riverside, CA – On Monday, January 10, 2011, at approximately 2:31a.m., Patrol Officers from the Riverside Police Department were attempting to conduct a vehicle enforcement stop on a pick-up truck for vehicle code violations at California Avenue and Tyler Street.

As the officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the pick-up sped away at a high rate of speed. The officers, with their vehicle's emergency lights and siren activated, pursued the fleeing pick-up truck.

During the pursuit, the pick-up truck hit a parked vehicle, and drove across several front yards in the 6800 block of Butte Drive. At the intersection of Eureka Drive and Butte Drive, the suspect vehicle came to a stop, and accelerated in reverse hitting the officer's patrol unit. This action by the driver led to an officer involved shooting.

Although the suspect vehicle was hit, the adult male driver was not struck by the officer's gunfire, and once again sped away from the officers. With the officers in pursuit, the suspect stopped his vehicle in the 6800 block of Mendocino Drive and was taken into custody without incident.

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

Mark Soard (25), of Riverside was arrested and booked into Riverside County Jail for assault with a deadly weapon, being under the influence of a controlled substance, evading from police, and hit & run.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective Mike Medici at (951)353-7104 or Detective Jim Brandt at (951)353-7137.

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