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## **ATTEMPTED MURDER SUSPECT APPREHENDED IN OHIO**

RIVERSIDE, CA – On the night of Friday, March 16, 2018, at approximately 9:10 p.m., Riverside Police Officers responded to a business in the 18500 block of Van Buren Boulevard, in the Orangecrest neighborhood of Riverside, for reports of a person who had just been shot. When they arrived, officers located an adult male victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was taken to a local hospital and later survived the shooting.

Preliminary investigation determined the male suspect went to this location that night because it was his ex-girlfriend's work place. The victim, who is also an ex-boyfriend of this same woman, showed up for an exchange of their shared children. An altercation between both men occurred, during which the suspect produced a handgun and shot the victim several times. He then fled in a vehicle that was located nearby after being involved in a hit and run traffic collision.



The outstanding suspect was identified as Loconno Wair, 39-years-old of Moreno Valley. Detectives with the Robbery – Homicide Unit obtained a warrant for attempted murder for Wair that was issued on March 23, 2018.

The Riverside Police Department's METRO Team (SWAT) conducted surveillance and information gathering at numerous locations in attempts to apprehend the suspect. Recently, they were able to determine Wair fled California and was possibly in Columbus, Ohio.

The METRO Team has several officers and a sergeant assigned that have been deputized as United States Marshals. Their primary mission is to provide service to the City of Riverside, but also to give assistance to the U.S. Marshals. The close working relationship between both agencies enhances their criminal investigative abilities and allows for the quick apprehension of suspects who have fled the city, county or state. These partnerships also help to quickly locate and arrest criminals who may flee to Riverside after committing crimes in other cities.

The possible whereabouts of Wair were given to U.S. Marshals' Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (SOFAST), where they conducted several days of surveillance at multiple locations in the Columbus area. Then on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at about 5:00 a.m., SOFAST was able to locate and safely take Wair into custody at a house in Columbus.

Loconno Wair is currently being held in Ohio pending the extradition process back to Riverside County to face the attempted murder charges.

