



Rialto Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time: January 9, 2022/7:30p.m.

Incident: Lethal Force Encounter

Location: 100 Block of E. Valley Boulevard Rialto, CA 92376

Suspect: Pending Next of Kin Notification

Synopsis:

On Sunday, January 9, 2022, at about 1:10 p.m., the Rialto Police Department's Communication Center received multiple 9-1-1 calls regarding a man armed with a knife and whose hands were covered in blood. Officers arrived on scene and located the suspect at the entrance of a gas station. The suspect was found still armed with a knife and entered into the store of the gas station while employees and patrons hid and called 9-1-1.

The suspect exited the store and charged at officers with a large bloody knife, at which time officers opened fire, striking the suspect. The gas station employees and patrons were unharmed and there were no other injuries associated with this incident. Officers immediately rendered medical aid to the suspect; however, he succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

As protocol, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. The Rialto Police Department is conducting an administrative investigation. The officers' names will not be released at this time. Additionally, the suspect's name is being withheld until next of kin notification has been made.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is urged to contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463) or you may leave information on the We-Tip Hotline at www.wetip.com.

Contact:

The San Bernardino County Sheriff Department's Specialized Investigations Division, Detective Owenn Domon or Sergeant Michael Warrick at (909) 387-3506
Refer to case #602200003 H#2022-006

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