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PRESS RELEASE

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Incident: Fergusson Park Murder Investigation

Location: Fergusson Park - 2395 W. Sunrise Rialto, CA 92376

Case: 932206247

Victims: Daniel Dexter 22-year-old male, Resident of Rialto (Deceased)

18-year-old Adult Male (In Critical Condition)

Suspect(s): Unknown

Information:

UPDATED INFORMATION

Rialto Police detectives have identified 22-year-old Daniel Dexter, as the deceased victim in the Fergusson Park murder investigation. The second victim remains in critical condition. Detectives are currently looking for a suspect described by witnesses as Black male adult with a dark complexion. One subject, who was initially detained at the scene, was released once officers confirmed he was not a suspect in the crime. Our detectives continue following up on investigative leads into this isolated incident.

The Rialto Police Department requests anyone with information related to the investigation contact Lt. James Mills at (909) 820-2632. Witnesses can also anonymously report information through WeTip at (800) 782-7463, reference case #932206247. Media inquiries can be directed to Community Outreach Specialist Natalie Aguirre (909) 644-0651.

ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at approximately 12:58 PM, the Rialto Police Department Communications Center received a call regarding shots fired at Fergusson Park. Officers from the Rialto Police Department arrived and located two adult male victims suffering from gunshot wounds. Officers immediately rendered medical aid and provided lifesaving measures to both victims, who were then transported to local trauma centers.

At the time of the shooting six classes of first-grade and second-grade students from Edward Fitzgerald Elementary School were at the park for an end-of-the-year field trip. Rialto Unified School District Campus Security Guards were present with the students when the shooting occurred. Teachers and campus security guards sheltered the students under tables and behind areas of concealment when the shooting took place. No students, school employees, campus security guards, or bystanders were injured during the incident.

Officers safely escorted 79 students back to Fitzgerald Elementary, with the assistance of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, where they were safely released to their parents and guardians. Investigators have learned that the shooting began when two groups of basketball players at the park began arguing. The argument escalated and witnesses stated there was an exchange of gunfire between the subjects. One subject is listed in critical condition. The second subject shot was pronounced deceased at 1:49 PM. A black sedan and a white sedan, may have been involved and were both seen fleeing east from Fergusson Park.

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