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## Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: 06/08/2017  
TYPE OF INCIDENT: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING  
SUSPECT(S): OSCAR JUNIOR – 45 YEARS-OLD – LOS ANGELES RESIDENT

On June 8th, 2017 at about 1157 am, RPD received a 911 call regarding a subject who brandished a firearm at the occupants of a residence in the 500 block of S. Sunset St. The occupants stated the subject, later identified as Oscar Junior, fled the residence with the firearm. The Ridgecrest Police Department was hosting a Street Interdiction Team (SIT) operation within the area and several allied Kern County Law Enforcement agencies were participating. One of the SIT teams were in the area when the 911 call came in and they quickly observed the suspect fleeing the area. The suspect brandished a firearm at the officers and fled on foot into a residential neighborhood. The suspect attempted to evade arrest by climbing onto a roof of an occupied residence. The pursuing officers as well as the responding SIT teams set up a perimeter around the residence as well as the surrounding neighborhood.

While the suspect was on the roof, officers gave several commands for the suspect to drop his firearm. The suspect refused to comply with the orders and subsequently pointed his firearm at the officers. Seven (7) law enforcement officers fired their duty weapons at the suspect. Six (6) of the officers were Ridgecrest Police Officers and the other officer was from the Taft Police Department. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. No law enforcement officers or other citizens were injured as a result of the incident. The Kern County District Attorney's Office was notified and they sent their Officer Involved Shooting Team to handle the investigation.

Investigation revealed that Oscar Junior was on active parole with the California State Department of Corrections (CDC) and not supposed to be in the Ridgecrest area. Junior also had an extensive criminal history with numerous felony convictions for firearm related violations.



Oscar Junior

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