



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Homicide Suspect Self-Inflicts Gunshot Wound

A 64 year old man, who was the main suspect in multiple shootings that left one person dead, two people in critical condition, and one person in fair condition, shot and killed himself yesterday when Officers found him in a broken-down car on the side of the freeway in San Bernardino County. The suspect has been identified as John Revels from Lancaster.

Shooting in Hawthorne

On November 12, 2015 at around 3:52 pm, Hawthorne Police responded to a shooting where two people were shot in the 12900 block of Doty Ave. One victim is on life-support at the hospital as result of the injures from the shooting. The other victim was shot in the arm and is expected to survive.

HPD Investigators learned that the victim(s) possibly knew the suspect. Investigators identified Revels and the vehicle he was driving leaving the scene of the shooting. HPD notified surrounding police agencies of the information in the event Revels was spotted driving his car.

Shooting in Los Angeles

At around 5:30 PM, LAPD responded to a shooting in the 1600 block of W 36th Pl. LAPD Investigators contacted HPD after discovering Revels' vehicle was identified as the suspect vehicle. The shooting victim was taken to a local hospital where he remains in critical condition. The victim is believed to be Revels' brother.

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Suspect located in San Bernardino

HPD Investigators continued working through the evening and early Friday morning and determined that the suspect was possibly in Las Vegas. Las Vegas Metro PD was notified and was on the lookout for the suspect vehicle when Investigators learned that Revel was possibly driving back to Los Angeles via the 15 freeway. The California Highway Patrol was immediately notified of our investigation. A short time later a CHP unit saw the suspect vehicle stopped with a flat tire along the side of the freeway near Ghost Town Road on the I-15, just north of Barstow.

Back-up units arrived and when CHP Officers attempted to contact the suspect, the lone driver shot himself with a handgun. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators are awaiting confirmation from the Coroner's office on a positive identification of the driver but Investigators believe it is Revels.

Body found in suspect's Lancaster Home

In the meantime, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department responded to the suspect's residence in the 15800 block of Greenrock Ave, Lancaster regarding a welfare check and discovered a 63 year old female victim had sustained a gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the scene.

As this crime spree involves multiple jurisdictions and agencies, Hawthorne Investigators are working closely with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau, LAPD Investigators, the California Highway Patrol, and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

This is an ongoing investigation as investigators work to gather more evidence and await toxicology and forensic reports. As of now, Investigators do not know Revels' motive in these shootings.

Suspect:

John Revels, 64 years old
From Lancaster, CA

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