

# Banning Police Department

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## Press Release

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| **Date:** | September 26, 2015 |  | **Case :** 15-2873 |

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| **Location:** | 700 block East John Street, 200 block East Lincoln Street, Nicolet Street/San Gorgonio Avenue, 2200 block of West Ramsey Street |

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| **Incident:** | Homicide, Assault with a Deadly Weapon |

On September 26, 2015, at 11:36 am, Banning Police Officers were dispatched to a report of shots fired in the vicinity of the 700 block of East John Street. Upon arrival, officers located a male subject deceased from what appeared to be a gunshot wound, a second male subject suffered minor injuries and was transported to an area hospital for medical care. A witness described the suspect vehicle in this incident as a white in color SUV.

At 11:43 am, Banning Police Officers responded to the area of San Gorgonio Avenue and Nicolet Street on reports of shots fired from one vehicle into another. The driver of the victim vehicle suffered minor injuries caused by glass from her vehicle window. The victim described the suspect vehicle as a white in color SUV driven by a White or Hispanic male, wearing sunglasses and a blue shirt.

At 11:53 am, Banning Officers responded to the AM/PM gas station located at 22nd Street and Ramsey Street, on a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. A male subject victim was assaulted with fists and an unknown blunt instrument as the victim sat inside his parked vehicle. Video at the scene captured a male subject driving a white in color SUV matching the description of the vehicle in the previous incidents. The victim was transported to the hospital for medical care and was later released.

At 12:13 pm, Banning Police Officers responded to the 200 block of East Lincoln Street after a passerby noticed that a vehicle crashed into a City of Banning City Yard facility wall. Officers arrived and found the male occupant deceased. Initially it was unknown if this incident was related to the other incidents. Once the Riverside County Sheriff’s Forensic Team, the Riverside County Coroner and Banning Police Investigators processed the scene, they learned that the male victim had injuries consistent with gunshot wounds.

The information on the suspect vehicle and the description of the suspect was disseminated to allied agencies (Beaumont Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Riverside County Sheriff’s Department).

At approximately 12:20 pm, the Beaumont Police Department Dispatch received a call in reference to a male in the area of the 700 block of American Street knocking on residence doors. At 12:25 pm, Beaumont Police Officers responded to the 1300 block of 8th Street on a report of a male subject breaking a window and a door handle of an occupied vehicle. At 12:32 pm, Beaumont Police Officers located and conducted a felony traffic stop on a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle. The subject was taken into custody and a weapon was found inside the vehicle.

Suspect information is being withheld pending the investigation and interview; victim information is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the victims of this tragic event.

This case is currently under investigation.

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