ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE and 
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

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On October 22, 2010, at approximately 6:10 p.m., Santa Monica Police officers responded to the rear of 1345 7th Street regarding several reports of a shooting. Callers to 9-1-1 reported that a male suspect had shot a female several times, and then fled on foot.

Upon arrival, officers found a conscious female victim that had been shot in the head and upper torso. The victim stated her husband had shot her. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of severe injuries and remains in critical condition.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the victim was shot while seated in her parked vehicle, and subsequently attempted to escape on foot. The suspect continued to attack the victim, shooting her several more times, ultimately incapacitating her. Witnesses stated that the suspect then momentarily pointed the gun at himself. The suspect then placed the gun in his waistband and ran southbound on 7th Street towards Santa Monica Boulevard.

Two officers in a marked police vehicle located the suspect as he was running northbound on 9th Street from Broadway. Officers contacted the suspect as he was running towards them and ordered him to stop. The suspect refused to obey the officer’s commands, retrieved a handgun from his waistband and pointed it at the officers. An officer involved shooting ensued that resulted in the suspect being mortally wounded. The suspect was later identified by the Los Angeles County Coroner’s office as James Ramirez, male, Hispanic, 33 years of age from Los Angeles.

The criminal investigation is being handled by the Santa Monica Police Department’s Robbery/Homicide Unit. The Los Angeles District Attorney’s Justice System Integrity Division is assisting in the investigation.
Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Hee Seok Ahn at (310) 458-8452 or Sergeant Robert Almada at (310) 458-8486 or the Santa Monica Police Department (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.