



# **HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Attempted Murder of a Police Officer**

On Saturday, June 5, 2010, at 2:00 AM, a Hawthorne police officer on routine patrol drove up on an unreported disturbance at Oxford Avenue and Broadway Avenue. The disturbance involved several cars parked in the middle of the street, with multiple subjects yelling at one another. As the officer got closer to the parked cars, he noticed the suspect emerge from nearby buildings, running towards the crowd. The suspect fired a handgun into the air, then leveled the handgun on the subjects in the street, and continued shooting.

One of the subjects in the street was shot by the suspect. The suspect then noticed the officer, who by this point had taken cover behind a parked car. The suspect fired at the officer at least twice. The officer was not hit, and did not return fire.

The suspect then fled on foot into the surrounding neighborhood. A perimeter was established and assistance was received from several south bay law enforcement agencies. After an exhaustive search of the area, the suspect was not located.

Two males were detained by police leaving the area in a vehicle. One was arrested on an outstanding warrant. It is unknown at this time if they were parties to the shooting in any way (victims, suspects, or witnesses).

The shooting victim, was treated by Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel at the scene, and transported to a local hospital for treatment. His wounds are not considered life threatening.

The suspect was described as a male Black, 20-30 years old, wearing no shirt and dark colored jeans.

The incident is under investigation by Hawthorne police detectives. Anyone with information related to this crime is asked to contact the Hawthorne Police Department at (310) 349-2700.

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