



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Domestic Violence / Assault with a Deadly Weapon Arrest

On Monday, August 22, 2011, at about 7:30 PM, Hawthorne Police Department patrol officers were dispatched on a domestic violence call, at an apartment building in the 13800 block of Cerise Avenue, in the City of Hawthorne. Officers received information that a female subject had been shot with a handgun during a domestic dispute which allegedly occurred on Sunday afternoon (August 21, 2011), and had not sought medical treatment for her wound. Patrol officers were unable to locate anyone at the location at the time of their response, but were able to ascertain what type of vehicle the woman drove. After repeated checks on the building during the night, officers located the vehicle used by the woman and her boyfriend in the carport. The car had not been present during earlier checks of the building.

On Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at about 3:30 AM, Hawthorne Police Department detectives were notified of the circumstances, and responded to investigate further. After conducting a surveillance for several hours at the apartment, detectives saw the woman being driven from the location by her boyfriend in one of their vehicles. Based on information developed by detectives through their investigation, the woman was likely being driven to a vocational school she attends near her apartment. Detectives and officers trailed the vehicle away from the apartment, and the woman was, in fact, dropped off at the vocational school. The boyfriend then drove off in the vehicle.

Detectives and officers stopped the boyfriend a short distance away, and placed him under arrest for suspicion of domestic violence and suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon. Detectives contacted the woman at the vocational school, and verified that she had been shot in the upper right arm. The woman initially denied being shot, and her version of the events continually changed as she was questioned. Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel responded to the vocational school to treat the woman's wound. The woman was eventually transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

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Detectives returned to the apartment in question, and served a search warrant. During the search, evidence was recovered from inside the apartment that corroborates a shooting occurred at the location.

Arrested on suspicion of domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon:

- **Ronald Wilson, a 51 year old resident of Hawthorne**

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