



INGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HOMICIDE / SUICIDE

On Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at approximately 10:52 am, Inglewood police officers responded to "Inglewood Optometric Center" located in the 200 block of north Market Street, in response to call of a shooting victim at the business.

Upon arrival, officers were informed that a woman had been shot and was inside the business. Witnesses also informed officers that the suspect was inside the business barricaded. Officers evacuated the remaining occupants and then entered the business to rescue the victim.

Officers located the victim inside the business and observed that she had sustained a gunshot wound to the upper torso. Officers quickly evacuated her from the business and handed her to awaiting Los Angeles County paramedics for medical aid. The victim was transported to a local hospital in grave condition. Sadly, in spite of life saving efforts by medical personnel the victim succumbed to her injuries.

Once the victim was evacuated, officers established a perimeter and contained the business awaiting the arrival of crisis negotiators and the SWAT team believing that the suspect was barricaded inside the business. At approximately 1:30 PM, a SWAT team entered the business and located a male in the bathroom suffering from what appeared to be a self inflicted gunshot wound. Los Angeles Paramedics responded and pronounced the male deceased.

The motive for the shooting is undetermined at this point; however officers have learned that the victim and the suspect were known to each other. The identity of the victim and suspect are being withheld pending identification and notification of family.

Anyone who was in the area and has information concerning this incident is asked to call the Inglewood Police Homicide Section at (310) 412-5246, or the 24-hour anonymous hotline number **"888-41-CRIME" (888-412-7463)**.

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