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<u>HOMICIDE – FIVE SHOOTING VICTIMS / TWO DECEASED</u>

On Saturday, October 20, 2012, at approximately 4:00 AM, Inglewood police officers were called to the 4900 block of W. 99th Street regarding a report of 10 gunshots heard at that location. The Los Angeles County Fire Department received a simultaneous call of a structure fire at the location. Inglewood Police personnel located five shooting victims in the front house and observed that the rear house on the same property was fully engulfed in flames. It is believed that the suspect started the structure fire in the rear house. Immediate firefighting efforts were hampered by fears that the suspect might be in the rear residence and armed, and the presence of fallen power lines added to complications for firefighters. All of the victims were transported to local hospitals for treatment.

The victims included:

30-year-old male with multiple gunshot wounds – Victim later died in surgery 28-year-old female with gunshot wounds to both legs – Victim is critical, but stable 4-year-old male with a gunshot wound to the head – Victim later died in surgery 6-year-old male with a gunshot wound to the pelvis – Victim is critical, but stable 7-year-old female with a gunshot wound to the chest – Victim is critical, but stable 8-year-old male - uninjured

The suspect has not been identified, but he is described as a M/B, age 55, 5'6" 160 lbs., with a dark baseball cap and possibly a "painter's" mask over his face. SWAT personnel are searching the burned remains of the residence and the surrounding area for the suspect. Crime alerts have been issued to surrounding law enforcement agencies. The investigation is ongoing.

During the incident, the male adult, who is believed to be the father of the children, used his body to shield the children. The female victim, who is presumed to be the mother of the children, ran from the residence carrying the 4-year-old child, who later died. This extraordinary rescue attempt by the mother occurred in spite of the fact that she had gunshot wounds to both legs.

The names of the victims are being withheld pending notification of family. Additional

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information regarding the identity of the suspect and the possible motive will be forthcoming as the investigation dictates.

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