



City of Downey

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Press Release

November 3, 2010

Downey Police are investigating a homicide that occurred in the 9300 block of Gainford Avenue.

On Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at around 2:50 a.m., officers were dispatched to a possible prowler call with "shots heard" at a residence on Gainford Avenue.

When officers arrived, family members contacted them and said there were intruders inside the residence. Officers entered and found the owner of the home, Hermilio Franco, 53, lying on the ground suffering from a fatal gunshot wound. Another male adult, who is believed to be the suspect, was also located inside the residence suffering from a gunshot wound. That suspect was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital where he is listed in serious condition and expected to survive.

Police are looking for a second male suspect, wearing dark clothing, who witnesses last saw fleeing from the residence on foot.

At this point Downey Police Detectives are investigating this incident as a "Home Invasion" robbery that was interrupted by the resident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sam Gatfield at (562) 904-2391 or Detective Maria Villegas at (562) 904-2324.

To provide information ANONYMOUSLY, call Crime Stoppers by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), or by texting the letters TIPLA, plus your tip, to CRIMES (274637), or by using the web site <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

Press inquiries should be directed to Sergeant Alex Irizabal 562-904-2340 or Lt. Phil Rego at 562-904-2311.