RIVERSIDE, CA – On Sunday, July 22, 2018, at about 12:55 a.m., the City of Riverside’s Public Safety Dispatch Center received multiple calls of “shots heard” in the area of the 600 block of West Blaine Street, in the neighborhood behind the University of California, Riverside campus. At the same time, a university student worker heard gunshots and reported it to the UCR Police Department’s dispatch center.

Officers with the UCR Police Department were first to arrive in the area and observed a lone male adult subject walking north on Watkins Drive, east of West Blaine Street. As they went to contact the male, he produced a firearm and an officer-involved shooting occurred. The male was ultimately taken into custody with the assistance of officers from the Riverside Police Department. He was found to be in possession of two firearms, along with a third, improvised firearm.

The male subject was transported to a local hospital, where he remains in critical condition. No officers or bystanders were injured. This incident occurred off campus grounds, and no students, faculty, or staff were affected.

The Riverside Police Department’s Robbery – Homicide Unit, along with Specialists with the Forensics Unit, responded to assume the investigation. They were assisted by the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office and Riverside County Sheriff – Coroner’s Office.

It is the duty of the University of California Police Department to warn of possible dangerous conditions on or near campus. This message is being sent in compliance with the “Timely Notice” provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998.