



# Police Department

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# In Custody Death

## P16-237976

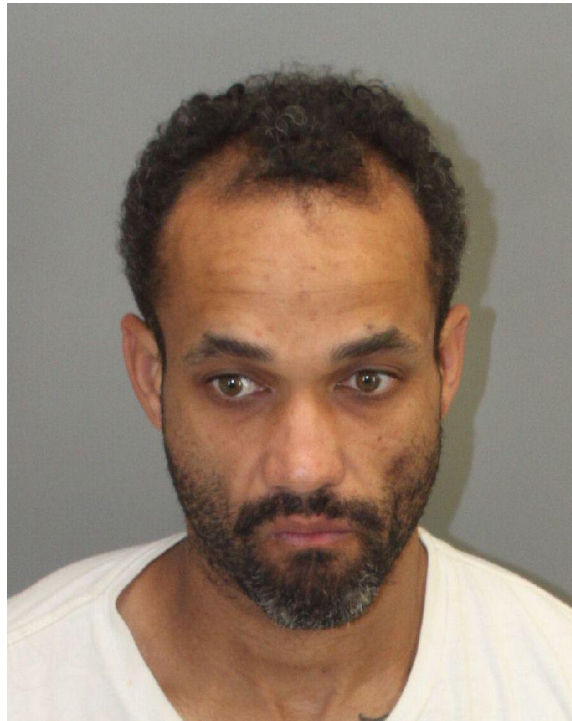
Date: December 29, 2016

Time: 6:55 p.m.

Location: Stater Brothers  
(2841 Mary St.)  
Washington Park  
(2769 Mary St.)



# Suspect Dominic Smith - 37



# Suspect

Dominic Smith had an extensive criminal history dating back to his conviction for vehicle theft in 1997. Smith's crimes range from arrest for armed robbery to being under the influence of a controlled substance.

In 2015, Smith was arrested for Under the influence of a controlled substance and for resisting a police officer. Smith was convicted of 69PC / Resisting a police officer and placed on 3 years felony probation, RIF1500856.



# Suspect

In 2016, Smith was arrested twice for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Smith has been listed as a suspect in two domestic violence cases in the City of Riverside. In both incidents, the victim stated the arguments started over Smith's illegal drug use.



# Overview

- At about 6:55 p.m. on Thursday, December 29th, a Stater Brothers' security guard reported that an adult male, later identified as Smith, was in their parking lot screaming and armed with a set of nunchucks.
- When officers arrived at the Stater Brothers, they were advised Smith had walked to Washington Park.
- When officers located Smith in Washington Park, he was no longer armed with the nunchucks.
- At first Smith seemed to follow the officers' commands.
- When the officers approached Smith to handcuff him Smith became uncooperative.



# Overview

- The officers used open hand control technics and their body weight to control Smith.
- While placing Smith into handcuffs, the officers discovered a large knife (6 ½ inches) in a sheath on his belt.
- Shortly after detaining Smith, the officers noticed Smith was having trouble breathing and his muscles were twitching.
- The officers removed the handcuffs from Smith and began life saving measures on Smith until medical aid arrived on scene. Smith was later pronounced deceased.



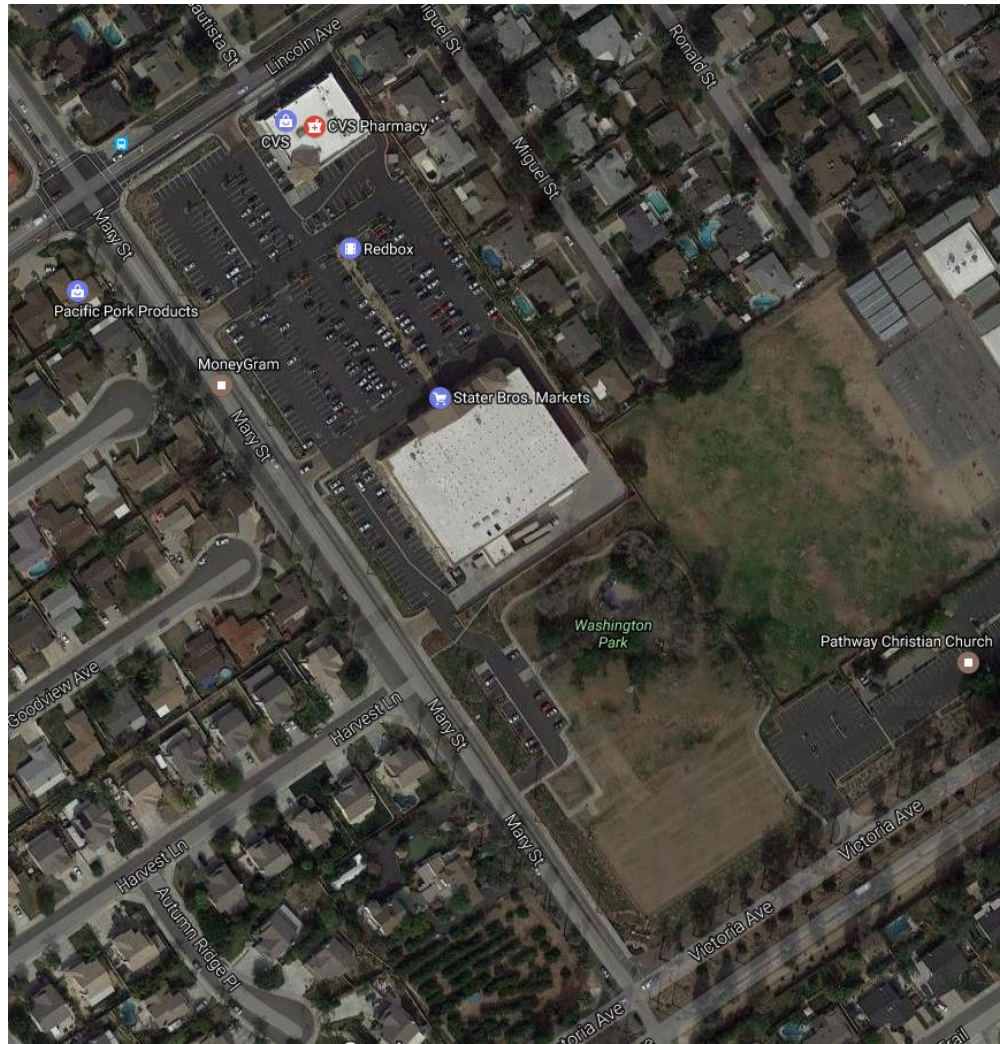
# Overview

- Detectives interviewed Smith's father. The father said Smith had a history of illegal drug use. The father saw Smith earlier in the night acting strange and swinging the nunchucks.
- Smith's behavior was consistent with being under the influence of a controlled substance, however the official cause of death can not be determined until the Riverside County Coroner receives the results of the toxicology test.
- This incident was captured on Coban video





# Location



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