



# EL SEGUNDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Press Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **Convicted Felon on Parole Identified In the Shooting of Two El Segundo Police Officers**

On Friday, April 11, 2008 at approximately 10:15 PM, Lieutenant Ray Garcia and Officer Scott O'Connor were requested by theater management to escort an uncooperative subject out of the Pacific Theaters located at 831 South Nash Street.

As the officers made contact, the subject produced a handgun and began shooting. Both officers and an innocent bystander were struck by gunfire. Lieutenant Garcia was shot once in the upper lip. Officer O'Connor was shot once in his bullet resistant vest and once in his left shoulder. Both officers returned fire striking the suspect. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene by El Segundo Fire Department Paramedics.

The suspect was Jonathan Taylor, 24 years old of Los Angeles, CA. Taylor was on active parole after being convicted in February of 2007 for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was sentenced at that time to 16 months in prison.

Lieutenant Garcia underwent surgery and is currently in stable condition at a local hospital. Due to the damage to his jaw, this was the first of many surgical procedures but is expected to make a full recovery.

Officer O'Connor underwent surgery to remove the bullet and has been released from the hospital.

The El Segundo Police Officers Association has established a trust fund for the two officers and their families. Donations may be made to the "**El Segundo Police Heroes Fund**" on behalf of Lieutenant Ray Garcia and Officer Scott

O'Connor at the Washington Mutual Bank located at 130 East Grand Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau, along with El Segundo Police Detectives, are handling the criminal investigation. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact Lt. Bob Turnbull at 310-524-2260.