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Deceased Suspect Identified in Home-Intrusion

YORBA LINDA, CA - (October 27, 2013) – On Sunday, October 27, 2013 at approximately 3:15 a.m., deputies from the Orange County Sheriff's Department responded to a 911 call for service at a residence in the 5100 block of Wendover Road. Deputies arrived and discovered Paul Michael Bracamontes, 22, Fullerton, deceased from a gunshot wound suffered as a result of being shot by the homeowner.

The subsequent investigation revealed that the adult male and female homeowners were awakened to the sound of Bracamontes yelling and screaming in the backyard of the residence. The male homeowner confronted Bracamontes while the female homeowner called the Sheriff's Department (911). Bracamontes continued to scream and threaten harm to the homeowner from the backyard through the sliding glass door. The male homeowner shouted back at Bracamontes before shooting the suspect after he shattered the rear sliding glass door and made entry into the residence. Both the male and female homeowners have indicated they did not know Bracamontes and had never seen him before. The homeowners were interviewed by investigators at the scene and subsequently released.

Interviews with relatives of Bracamontes revealed that he attended a party early Saturday evening. Relatives indicated Bracamontes was hallucinating earlier in the night and was heard making several inappropriate comments regarding "zombies." Investigators also learned that Bracamontes indicated he wanted a gun. Relatives stated that Bracamontes left the party and had not been seen or heard from since.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (714) 647-7000. Anonymous tips may also be submitted to Orange County Crime Stoppers at 855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6227) or at occrimestoppers.org.