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PRESS RELEASE

Release Date: May 26, 2011 **Time:** 3:00 pm **Prepared by:** Lt. Russell Reinhart

Type of Incident: Shooting Investigation

Location: 8600 block of Garfield Avenue, Huntington Beach

Date/Time of Occurrence: May 25, 2011 at 8:30 am **Case Number:** 11-008222

Details:

On May 25, 2011, at about 8:30 am, the Huntington Beach Police Department responded to and investigated the report of a shooting at a residence in the 8600 block of Garfield Avenue. Neighbors reported hearing an argument and multiple gunshots. This was followed by a single gunshot a short time later. The incident ultimately involved the Huntington Beach Police Department SWAT Team forcing entry into the residence to investigate.

Two individuals were found deceased inside the residence. They both lived at the location and the preliminary investigation has determined this is a murder-suicide.

John Steven Raeuchle, 55, Huntington Beach, suffered a single self inflicted gunshot wound.

Valerie Ellen Pare Estes, 58, Huntington Beach, suffered two shotguns wounds that appear to have been inflicted by Raeuchle.