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## **Deputy Sheriff Isaiah Cordero**

### *Riverside County Sheriff's Department*

*EOW: December 29, 2022*

**Age:** 32    **Tour:** unknown    **Cause:** Gunfire    **Suspect:** Deceased

A Riverside County sheriff's deputy was fatally shot Thursday afternoon during a traffic stop in Jurupa Valley, sparking a high-speed chase across multiple freeways that ended with deputies killing the gunman in a shootout.

The shooter, William McKay, was a violent felon who should have been incarcerated after violating California's "three strikes" law but was released on bail. Deputy Isaiah Cordero, 32, was conducting a traffic stop just before 2 p.m. near the 3900 block of Golden West Avenue when the suspect pulled out a gun and shot him as he approached the vehicle, Bianco said.

The deputy was pronounced dead at Riverside Community Hospital after he was taken there from the shooting scene.

Sheriff Bianco laid blame for Cordero's death on failures of the criminal justice system. McKay's criminal history dated to the 1990s and included kidnapping, robbery and multiple assaults with deadly weapons, Bianco said. In one case, McKay stabbed a California Highway Patrol dog.

"Deputy Cordero's death leaves a tremendous hole in the hearts of so many people who had the chance to know him personally," the Riverside Sheriffs' Assn. said. "Today, [he]



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made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty — a debt that can never be repaid. ... Our heart goes out to his family, friends, and fellow deputies through this difficult time.”

Deputies wheeled his coffin past ranks of saluting law enforcement officials and into a hearse outside the hospital. A procession of sheriff's cruisers escorted Cordero's body to the county coroner's bureau, passing under a large U.S. flag that hung off a fire department ladder truck.

Riverside County deputies sent a message among their ranks, “Our fallen hero just graduated from motor school a few months ago. He was shot and murdered on a traffic stop. ... [The suspect] fled but was observed by an off-duty officer who communicated his location. A pursuit ensued” and the suspect was killed. Rest easy deputy.”