

MEDIA ADVISORY
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date/Time: August 16, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: North Cave Creek Road and East Cactus Road

Officer: 27 year old male, 2 years of service

Suspect: 41 year old male

On August 16, 2018, at approximately 8:00 p.m., a Phoenix police officer was patrolling in the area of North 25th Street and East Cactus Road. While driving westbound on East Cactus Road, the officer activated his lights and attempted to stop a vehicle which had been driving erratically in traffic. The vehicle failed to stop and continued westbound.

The vehicle entered the left turn lane at the intersection of East Cactus Road and North Cave Creek Road and stopped at the light. The officer exited his marked police vehicle and began approaching the vehicle. The officer attempted to get the suspect's attention by verbally asking to see his hands. The suspect shot the officer. Despite the injury, the officer was able to return fire. The suspect exited his car, walked towards the officer, and continued to shoot.

The officer was able to shoot the suspect and stop the threat. The officer was transported to the hospital with critical injuries and is expected to survive. The suspect was transported to the hospital with critical injuries as well and is expected to survive. The investigation is ongoing.

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