

MEDIA ADVISORY
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date/Time: October 8, 2018, 8:12 am
Location: 5200 W McDowell Road
Officer: Hispanic Male, 47 years old, 21 years' service

On Monday, October 8, 2018, at around 0812 hours, Phoenix Police were en route together to a call when they conducted a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of a hotel near 5200 West McDowell Road. The suspect vehicle was occupied by an adult male driver and adult female passenger. The officers approached the vehicle on foot. During the contact, the driver put the car in reverse and drove backwards away from the officers, striking their Patrol Tahoe. The suspect attempted to drive forward, but the path was blocked and the vehicle stalled. One officer approached, opened the driver door, and attempted to remove him from the vehicle. The officer's backup was standing behind him when the driver again put the car in reverse and drove backwards. The first officer was able to move out of the way; however, his partner was struck by the open driver door and dragged by the vehicle. During the collision, the officer who was struck fired one round from his service weapon. The suspect drove in reverse through the parking lot and backed into a parked car. He then drove forward, striking the Patrol Tahoe on the way out of the parking lot onto West McDowell Road. The injured officer was transported to the hospital and is expected to survive his injuries. The suspect's vehicle was recovered unoccupied a short time later near 5300 West Almeria Road. At the time of this bulletin, the suspects are still outstanding and the investigation is ongoing.

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