

MEDIA ADVISORY
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date/Time: March 7, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Location: 3300 West Washington Street

Officer: 35 year old male, 12 years of service

Suspect: 34 year old male

On March 7, 2018, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Phoenix Police Officers from Maryvale Estrella and Central City Precinct NET teams were searching for a man in the area of 2200 West Tonto Street. The man was known to have an outstanding parole violation warrant and was a suspect in a recent aggravated assault where he pointed a rifle at a woman. The suspect was located leaving an apartment. Before he could be stopped, the suspect got into a stolen vehicle. As he drove off, he pointed a rifle at an officer. The suspect then fled at a high rate of speed. Witness statements and evidence indicate the suspect was firing shots from inside the vehicle during his flight from police. The suspect's stolen vehicle quickly became disabled. He abandoned the vehicle in the area of 2500 West Van Buren Street and stole another vehicle at rifle point from a 38-year-old man.

Phoenix Police air surveillance was quickly overhead and followed the suspect throughout West Phoenix. Officers from the Special Assignments Unit and the Fugitive Apprehension Investigative Detail conducted surveillance on the vehicle from a distance. At 3300 West Washington Street, an officer, driving the police armored vehicle, was able to intentionally collide with the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle then collided head to head with an unmarked police vehicle. Once stopped, the suspect raised the rifle at the officer involved in the collision. The officer fired several shots from his rifle while still seated in his unmarked police vehicle, face to face with the suspect. The suspect concealed himself within the vehicle. A second SAU officer arrived and fired less lethal rounds at the vehicle and suspect. An officer and his K-9 extracted the suspect from the vehicle and he was taken into custody. The suspect was taken to a local hospital for injuries sustained; however, it does not appear that he was struck by gunfire. No officers or others were injured during this incident.

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