

**MEDIA ADVISORY
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING**

Date/Time: December 3, 2020, approximately 4:40 a.m.
Location: 9200 North 19th Avenue
IR#: 2020-1966328
Victim: Demeatris Roberson, 30 year-old male, deceased
Officer 1: Officer Austin Escobedo #9890, male, 4 years of service
Officer 2: Officer Matthew Delgado #9824, male, 4 years of service
Officer 3: Officer Matthew Peelman #10435, male, 2 years of service
Officer 4: Officer Patrick Bagley #10491, male, 2 years of service
Officer 5: Officer John Pharis #9836, male, 4 years of service
Suspect: Maurice Jackson, 42 year-old male, deceased

On December 3, 2020, at approximately 3:40 a.m., Phoenix Police Officers responded to a call of shots fired in the apartment complex near 9200 North 19th Avenue. The caller reported they heard two males yelling at each other and then a gunshot. When officers arrived on scene, they located a deceased male victim in the common area of the apartment complex.

While the officers were on scene, information was developed about a possible suspect inside an apartment in the complex. Officers made contact at that apartment and several adults were cooperative and exited. At about 4:40 a.m., officers made entry to clear the apartment with the assistance of police K-9 Dennis and his handler. The suspect fired at and struck the K-9. Officers retreated from the apartment to transition to a barricade. Soon after, the suspect exited the apartment with a gun, and fired at officers. Five officers discharged their weapons, striking the suspect and ending the threat.

The suspect was pronounced deceased by the Phoenix Fire Department, and his handgun was recovered. The police K-9 received serious injuries. There were no additional injuries to officers or other civilians. Please feel free to use the attached picture of K-9 Dennis receiving medical care. Dennis is a 6 year-old Belgian Malinois who has been with the Phoenix Police Department for over 4 years.

At this time, detectives are working to determine if the suspect from the officer-involved shooting is related to the original homicide. Updates to this incident will be provided as they become available.

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