



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** April 24, 2023, at about 11:30 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2023-614010  
**Location:** 3200 West Bell Road  
**Suspect:** Adult Male, serious injuries, hospitalized  
**Officer:** Sergeant Rob Rodarme #6999

## Officer Involved Shooting

(April 24, 2023) A man is hospitalized with serious injuries after being shot by police for charging at them with a knife.

On April 24, 2023, around 11:15 a.m., Phoenix police officers responded to an assault call at a business in the area of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bell Road. Details on the call stated that a man assaulted a female security guard. The caller gave a physical description of the man and stated he was riding away from the business on a bicycle.

Several patrol units responded to the scene. While on the way, a sergeant saw a man matching the description of the man in the area of 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Bell Road. The sergeant gave commands to the man to stop riding his bike. The man continued to ride away from the sergeant into a nearby apartment complex located near 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Bell Road. The sergeant lost sight of the man as he went into the complex.

The sergeant drove into the complex and got out of his car to search for the man on foot. The sergeant saw the man and noticed he had a knife in his hand. The sergeant ordered the man to drop the knife. The man did not, and he took off running. The sergeant ran after him.

The man came to a stop in a parking lot area of the complex. The sergeant again ordered him to drop the knife. Another officer was on scene with a Taser. The man, still armed with a knife, charged the sergeant, at which time the sergeant fired his weapon, striking the man. Almost simultaneously the other officer on scene fired his Taser at the man.

The man was handcuffed, and the knife secured. Officers on scene provided first aid to the man while waiting for paramedics to arrive. The man was transported to the hospital where he is in stable condition.

Detectives responded to investigate the shooting. This incident will be the subject of a criminal investigation and an administrative investigation. The Phoenix Police Department will follow its normal protocol after an officer involved shooting.

Detail about the man will be released when he is released from the hospital and booked into jail.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
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