



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

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**Date/Time:** March 14, 2023, at about 11:40 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2023-381912  
**Location:** 5000 North 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
**Suspect:** Adult Male

## **Incident Leaves Sergeant in Hospital**

(March 14, 2023) A Phoenix police sergeant is in a local hospital after receiving non-life-threatening injuries as a result of an incident in the west valley today.

On March 14, 2023, a Phoenix police sergeant was conducting follow up at a convenience store near the area of Camelback Road and 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Employees of the convenience store identified a man just outside the store as the person who had committed a theft the day prior. Additionally, the employee indicated that the man was often armed with a handgun when he was seen at the business.

As the sergeant contacted the man, a struggle began as the man attempted to get into a nearby vehicle. The man was able to get into the car and quickly accelerate in reverse causing the sergeant to be knocked to the ground and suffer injuries. The man drove off from the area, ditched his car at a nearby location and took off running. Responding patrol officers quickly established a perimeter and began a search, which resulted in the man being located and arrested.

The man was transported to a local hospital to be treated for minor injuries he received as part of the incident. Once the man is treated, he will be booked into the Maricopa County Jail on several charges stemming from the investigation.

The sergeant was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. He is currently in stable condition and continues to receive treatment.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*