Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
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M E D I A   A D V I S O R Y

Date/Time: May 25, 2023, at about 12:41 p.m.
Incident: 2023-793512
Location: 20400 North 19th Avenue
Suspect: Howard Lamar Johnson, 34-year-old, MCSO Booking #T837579
Suspect: Sonia Hernandez, 27-year-old, MCSO Booking #T837567

UPDATE: May 26, 2023

The main suspect in this case has been identified as 34-year-old Howard Lamar Johnson. Johnson was arrested and booked on multiple charges to include aggravated assault.

An additional suspect, 27-year-old Sonia Hernandez, was arrested and booked on multiple charges to include hindering prosecution for her role on aiding Johnson after the shooting occurred.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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Trooper Involved Shooting in North Phoenix

(May 25, 2023) Phoenix Police are investigating an officer involved shooting involving a Department of Public Safety Trooper, that left the trooper hospitalized and a man in custody.

On May 25, 2023, around 12:40 p.m., Phoenix police officers responded to the area of 20400 North 19th Avenue to back up a DPS Trooper. Details on the call indicated that the DPS Trooper was involved in a shooting and had suffered at least one gunshot wound. The trooper was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Phoenix police detectives took over the investigation and quickly identified a suspect. Phoenix police tracked the suspect to an apartment complex near 9100 North 67th Avenue. After a short barricade, the man was taken into custody. The man was transported to a local hospital to be treated for injuries he suffered in the original incident with the DPS Trooper. Once he is released, he will be interviewed and booked on charges related to the shooting.

Additional investigative work related to this case is being conducted at multiple locations in other areas of the valley in addition to the original crime scene.

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

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