



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Related Incident: 2022-1619401

Date/Time: October 27, 2022, 11:54 p.m.

Statement from the Phoenix Police Department

On Thursday, October 27, 2022, a man fired two shots from a gun at close distance near a patrol car with two officers inside as the officers were backing out of a parking spot at a convenience store at 59th Avenue and Buckeye Road. One bullet hit the ground, the second hit the patrol car's spotlight and went into the driver's side "A"-pillar at head height. The shooter, still armed, then entered the occupied store.

The two officers followed the man inside. Once inside the officers took the man into custody. The man received injuries during the arrest. He was taken to a local hospital before being booked into jail. Both officers were uninjured.

The actions of the officers, while taking the man into custody, came to the attention of the department on Friday and prompted an immediate investigation.

Chief Michael Sullivan placed both officers involved on leave. He also opened both a criminal and an administrative investigation into their actions.

The department takes instances of potential officer misconduct very seriously.

We will wait for additional information and the full investigations to be completed before coming to any conclusions.

"On Friday, at my swearing in, I challenged my command staff to guide our department to be self-assessing and self-correcting and to never ignore misconduct. As soon as additional information regarding this incident came to my attention, immediate action was taken," said Chief Michael Sullivan. "What is depicted in the video is not how we train and is not aligned with the core values of the Phoenix Police Department."

Chief Sullivan promises a thorough, fair and transparent investigation and vows to hold officers and any other employee who violates the law or policy accountable.