

MEDIA ADVISORY
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date/Time: April 17, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Location: 2500 East Camelback Road

Officer: 35 year old male, 12 years of service

Suspect: 44 year old male

On April 17, 2018, at approximately 10:30 a.m., detectives with the Auto Theft Unit located a stolen vehicle occupied by an adult male suspect driver and an adult female suspect passenger in the area of 5100 West Broadway Road. Detectives called for Air Support and followed the vehicle until a marked unit could attempt a stop near 4300 West Osborn Road. The suspect driver immediately fled. Ground units backed off and allowed Air Support to follow the vehicle. In the area of 4100 West Bethany Home Road, the suspect driver drove into oncoming traffic and blocked the roadway. He then stole a stopped driver's vehicle, at gunpoint. Both suspects fled in this newly stolen vehicle.

Air Support and Tactical Support Officers continued to monitor the suspect as he sped throughout west and central Phoenix. At approximately 12:13 p.m., the suspects stole another car, at gunpoint, in the parking garage at the shopping center at 2502 East Camelback Road. An officer arrived, witnessed the armed robbery, placed himself between the suspects and victim, and fired shots at the suspect as they fled in this newly stolen vehicle. Officers were able to successfully deploy spike strips near 27th Avenue and Glendale Avenue. The suspect vehicle became disabled and collided in the front yard of a residence near 2800 West Berridge Lane. The female suspect was quickly detained without incident. She was found to have an outstanding felony warrant for drug related charges. The male suspect fled into an unoccupied residence. SAU and Canine officers converged on the residence and determined the suspect was hiding in the attic. The resident reported that he stores guns and ammunition in the attic. Despite attempts to negotiate a surrender, the suspect continued to hide from police. At some point he fell through the ceiling. A Canine Officer released his dog, Bane, into the home to apprehend the suspect. Officers breached windows and used gas to encourage the suspect to surrender. The suspect still showed no intention of surrendering and remained concealed within the residence. SAU officers were ultimately able to see the suspect hiding and took him into custody without further injury or incident.

Officers found that Bane was critically wounded during this encounter. He was rushed to an area emergency veterinarian but was unable to survive his injuries. No injuries to citizens or officers were reported during this incident. The suspect was taken to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries, gas inhalation, and apparent drug impairment.

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