Media Advisory Officer Involved Shooting

Date and Time: August 26, 2018, approximately 2349 hours

Location: 1000 N. 43rd Avenue Incident Report #: 2018-00001516514

Officer Involved: Phoenix Police Officer, Male, 37-years-old,

13 years with Phoenix Police Department

Suspect: Male, 25-years-old

Deceased

On Sunday, August 26, 2018, shortly before midnight, Phoenix Police Officers and Arizona Department of Public Safety Troopers were conducting street racing enforcement in the area of 4300 W. Camelback Road. At that time, a Phoenix Police Officer observed a Jeep Grand Cherokee driving erratically in the parking lot of the Home Depot at 4848 N. 43rd Avenue. The officer, who was driving a marked Chevrolet Tahoe, attempted to stop the vehicle, but it fled from him. The elements of felony flight were established and a tactical surveillance was initiated with the Phoenix Police Air Unit following the vehicle.

The Jeep drove to a mobile home park in the area of 1000 N. 43rd Avenue where the Air Unit broadcast that the suspect had bailed out of the vehicle. A female Phoenix Police Officer pulled her undercover police vehicle behind the suspect's Jeep as he was getting out of the vehicle. The officer exited her vehicle and gave commands to the suspect at gunpoint, identifying herself as a police officer. The suspect got back into the Jeep and backed up, ramming the officer's vehicle. He drove a short distance, then fled on foot in the mobile home park.

The Air Unit illuminated the suspect and observed him carrying a handgun. They gave him commands over the P.A. to drop his gun but he continued to run and jumped over fences in the mobile home park. Two officers approached the suspect, giving him commands. The suspect raised and pointed the weapon towards the officers and one of the officers fired at the suspect, striking him. The officers attempted life saving measures until Fire Department Personnel took over, but the 25-year-old male suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene. No officers were injurred.

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