

Media Advisory
Officer Involved Shooting

Date and Time: May 26, 2019, approximately 1:18 a.m.
Location: 3600 W. Camelback Road
Incident Report #: 2019-0000892262

Officer Involved: Phoenix Police Officer, Male, 33-years-old
3 years with Phoenix Police Department

Suspect: Male, 24-years-old
Injuries: Critical Condition

On May 26, 2019, at approximately 1:18 a.m., a Phoenix Police Officer on patrol in the area of 35th Avenue and Camelback Road, observed a suspicious vehicle with no license plate drive into a convenience store parking lot. Before backup officers arrived, the car started to leave the lot, but pulled into a parking spot. A woman got out of the car and she and a man walked away westbound on the south side of Camelback Road.

A two-man unit responded and located the two people in the area of 3600 W. Camelback Road. When the officers stopped to contact them, the male suspect ran eastbound and one of the officers ran after him while his partner detained the woman. As the officer chased the suspect, he saw he was armed with a handgun and was pointing it back at the officer. The officer gave commands for the suspect to drop the gun, but he did not comply and told the officer to shoot him. As the suspect ran around the corner of a building in a business complex, the officer noticed a large group of people in the parking lot. Concerned for his safety, and the safety of the bystanders in the parking lot, because of the suspect's actions and statements, the officer fired at the suspect, ending the threat. The handgun was recovered at the scene.

Officers on scene administered first aid to the suspect, who was transported to the hospital in critical condition. It was later learned he has an outstanding felony arrest warrant for violating probation and he is a prohibited possessor.

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