

MEDIA ADVISORY

ARMED ROBBERY/OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date/Time: October 15, 2020 at 7:23 a.m.
Location: East Hadley Street and Central Avenue
Incident: 2020-1694095

Officer Aaron Winget #8408, 42 year old male with 15 years of service

Suspect: 22 year old, Lorenzo M. Gonzales, Booking #: T660102

On October 15, 2020, at approximately 7:23 a.m., Phoenix Police Officers responded to an armed robbery at a convenience store located in the area of Buckeye Road and Central Avenue. The caller indicated that an unknown man had robbed the store at gunpoint and was the same man who had robbed the store on a previous occasion.

At about the same time, Central City Precinct Neighborhood Enforcement Team officers were responding to a residence in the area of Central Avenue and Hadley Street for follow-up on a robbery suspect. While on scene, officers determined the description of the man matched that of their suspect from previous robberies.

Surveillance was established and it was later determined that the suspect was alone inside of the residence. Attempts were made to contact the suspect but he refused to exit. This became a barricade and the Special Assignments Unit arrived and continued to communicate with the suspect in an effort to have him cooperate.

At 11:29 a.m. the suspect was seen at the front door armed with a gun. The suspect pointed the gun at the officers and an officer fired at the suspect. The suspect retreated back into the residence. Less lethal munitions were utilized and after a few minutes he exited the front door, unarmed, and was taken into custody.

There were no injuries to the suspect or officers in this incident. The suspect was booked into Maricopa County jail on 4 counts of armed robbery and aggravated assault on a police officer.

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