

MEDIA ADVISORY OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date and Time: January 6, 2020, approximately 8:53 p.m.
Location: 200 South 1st Avenue
Incident Report #: 2020-34620

Officers Involved: Phoenix Police Officer Angel Alanis #9952, Male, 27-years-old
3.5 years with Phoenix Police Department

Phoenix Police Officer Ryan Shell #9838, Male, 32-years-old
4 years with Phoenix Police Department

Suspect: Xavier Jaime Rovie, Male, 28-years-old

Deceased

On Monday, January 6, 2020 at approximately 8:53 p.m., Phoenix Police Officers were in the area of 10 East Buckeye Road, when they observed a male riding a bike in violation of multiple traffic offenses. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop at 900 South 1st Ave. The male fled on his bike, ultimately ending up on the railroad tracks west of 200 South 1st Avenue. The passenger officer exited the patrol vehicle, ran after the suspect and caught up to him on the north side of the rail road tracks. The passenger officer approached the suspect to take him into custody when the suspect pulled away from him and a physical fight ensued. During the fight, the officer noticed that the suspect was now armed with a handgun and struggled with the suspect to gain control of the gun while giving him verbal commands to drop it.

The driver officer caught up to his partner, observed the physical fight and the two struggling over a handgun. The driver officer delivered several strikes to the suspect in an effort to gain compliance. During the fight, the suspect was able to fire his gun, striking the driver officer's portable radio which was positioned on the front of his outer vest. Both officers fired at the suspect stopping the threat. The officers rendered aid to the suspect until Phoenix Fire arrived and transported him to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The driver officer was treated and released from a local hospital for minor injuries. The passenger officer was not injured. The suspect's firearm was recovered at the scene.

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