



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date and Time: January 9, 2021 at 3:15 p.m.
Location: 600 West Van Buren Street
Victim-1: 1-year old male child
Victim-2: Adult female
Suspect: Paul Bolden, 37-year old male
Officer: Alexander Cowan #10179, 31-year old male with 4 years of service with the Department

Aggravated Assault/Officer-involved Shooting

On January 9, 2021 at about 3:15 p.m., Phoenix Police officers responded to the area of 600 West Van Buren Street for a fight call. The caller reported that a man and a woman were fighting near one of the hotel rooms. During the fight the man armed himself with a gun and took the baby from the woman.

The man walked around the parking lot and fired his gun as he threatened other people in the parking lot. The man continued to hold the baby as he walked onto Van Buren Street and 6th Avenue. As he walked on Van Buren Street, he pointed his gun at different vehicles. One vehicle was traveling west bound on Van Buren Street and it stopped when the man walked out onto lanes of traffic with the baby.

The man walked over to the vehicle and pointed the gun at the driver. The driver of the vehicle heard the man yelling and saw him firing his gun several times in different directions as officers were arriving. Officers arrived and saw the man firing his gun in their direction. They gave the man commands to drop the gun, but he refused. The man continued to ignore commands to drop the gun and he pointed the gun at the baby and then at the officers. An Officer fired at the man with his rifle stopping the threat.

Officers immediately approached the man and rescued the baby who was being held by the suspect throughout the incident. The suspect was transported in extremely critical condition to the hospital by Phoenix Fire personnel. The baby received minor injuries and was re-united with his mother. There were no injuries to officers or any other community members.