

Phoenix Police Department

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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: July 20, 2021 at 7:12 p.m.

Incident: 2021-1125238

Location: 800 North 30th Street

Officer: Aaron Mendoza #10388, 3 years of service Suspect: Miguel F. Hernandez-Rodriguez, 31 years old

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

On July 20th, 2021 around 7:12 p.m. Phoenix Police officers responded to an apartment complex in the area of 30th Street and Roosevelt Street regarding a domestic violence fight call. The woman caller reported that her husband struck her and was armed with a knife. During the call the dispatcher could hear children crying in the background.

As Officers arrived on scene, they contacted a woman outside who was upset and crying. One of the officers spoke with her and learned that she was the person who called police. The woman told officers that her five young children were still inside the apartment with her husband who had been armed with a knife.

While the first officer continued to gather information, the second officer walked toward the apartment. The suspect then abruptly walked out of the front door armed with a knife. The officer told the suspect to show him his hands. The suspect ignored that command and advanced toward the officer holding a knife. The officer walked backwards away from the suspect. The suspect continued his advancement toward the officer, that's when the officer shot the suspect.

Additional officers arrived and provided first aid to the suspect who was later transported to the hospital by Phoenix Fire personnel. The suspect was later pronounced deceased.

The female victim sustained minor injuries from the suspect's earlier assault. There were no injuries to officers or the children inside of the apartment.