



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 around 8:30 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2022-1298438  
**Location:** 2600 West Deer Valley Road  
**Victim:** Misael Arevalo, 36-year-old male, deceased  
**Karla Garzona, 44-year-old female, deceased**  
Phoenix Police Officer, injured, non-life threatening, remains hospitalized.  
Phoenix Police Officer Kevin Lucas #10481, injured, non-life threatening  
Adult male, injured, non-life threatening  
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**Suspect:** Isaiah Steven Williams, 24-years-old, deceased, self-inflicted gunshot wound.

**UPDATE: Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

A second victim has been identified in this incident, Karla Garzona, a 44-year-old female.

## **Suspect in Deadly Shooting Identified**

Phoenix police detectives have identified the shooting suspect in Sunday night's deadly shooting near 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Deer Valley Road. He has been identified as 24-year-old Isaiah Steven Williams. The suspect was found to have a single gunshot wound to the head, consistent with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The investigation also revealed that during the course of the shooting, Williams was wearing a ballistic vest with steel plates in the front and back, a ballistic helmet, a gas mask, knee pads, and was armed with a semi-automatic rifle, along with a number incendiary devices and multiple magazines for the rifle.

Deer Valley Road is expected to reopen approximately 4:00 p.m. Monday afternoon, August 29<sup>th</sup>. However, the investigation in the area will continue for the better part of the day.

Also, as clarification, as information became clearer about the chaotic scene, it was determined the officer who returned fire to try to stop the suspect was the officer who was wounded by shrapnel and not the officer struck by a bullet. The officer who was hit by a bullet remains hospitalized and is in stable condition and good spirits.

## **Officer Involved Shooting**

Phoenix police are investigating an officer involved shooting involving a suspect that killed two people, and injured five others, including two police officers.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, around 8:30 p.m., Phoenix police received a call about shots fired in the area of 2600 West Deer Valley Road, near several businesses. As officers arrived in the area, a suspect armed with a semi-automatic rifle and wearing tactical gear, immediately opened fire on several fully marked patrol SUV's. Four patrol cars were riddled with bullets. One officer was struck by a bullet in the shoulder, a second officer was hit by shrapnel in multiple places including the face. The officer shot in shoulder was able to get out of his car and return fire in the direction of the suspect before other officers came to his aid to remove him from the area for medical treatment. Other arriving officers began evacuating nearby businesses and bringing community members to a safe place.

Preliminary investigative information, along with surveillance video from nearby businesses shows the suspect leaving a room at a motel in the area and going on a shooting spree. The suspect is seen firing his rifle into the motel then turning the rifle on a car pulling into the parking lot. Two people inside that car died on the scene from gunshot wounds. The suspect is also seen throwing a Molotov cocktail at a restaurant window. It did not ignite. It was about that time that officers began to arrive and were met with gunfire.

Surveillance video shows the suspect making his way through the parking lot and then falling to the ground. The Maricopa County Medical Examiner will determine the manner of death, but it appears he may have taken his own life. The suspect was found with a rifle, several magazines, incendiary devices, a gas mask, and helmet nearby.

Three other innocent bystanders in various locations around the shooting scene were injured by flying gunfire. All three wounded victims were treated at local hospitals and released.

Investigators are waiting for a warrant to search a nearby motel room. The suspect has not been positively identified.

Deer Valley Road will be closed from the I-10 underpass west to 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue for part of the day Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Motorists are asked to use alternative routes.

