



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: September 10, 2022, around 5:00 p.m.
Incident: 2022- 1366860
Location: 39th Avenue and Cactus Road
Suspect: Aaron Baughman – 40-year-old male - deceased
Officers: Officer Marc Sanchez #11114
Officer Alexander Van Meter #11107

Officer Involved Shooting in North Phoenix

Phoenix police detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that left one man dead.

Officers were dispatched to a criminal damage call at the Cactus Park Precinct. The caller told the 911 operator that a man was armed with a sword and was striking the fence at a police station.

When the officers got there, they found a man, armed with a samurai sword, standing by the employee gate to the precinct. The man was later identified as 40-year-old Aaron Baughman. The officers ordered Baughman to drop the sword, but he began to move towards the officers while raising the sword. This was when the officer involved shooting occurred.

After the shooting, a vehicle pulled up next to Baughman and a man got out and began to move towards Baughman. Officers told the man to stop multiple times and he complied. The man was detained. He later identified himself as Baughman's father.

Officers provided aid to Baughman until the fire department arrived. Baughman was rushed to the hospital where he died from his injuries.

Homicide detectives responded and are currently on scene and investigating the shooting. The investigation remains active. There were no injuries to officers or other community members.