



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



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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Date/Time:** September 24, 2025, around 10:15 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2025-1400725  
**Location:** 6100 North 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
**Suspect:** Wilson Melgar-Melgar, 35-year-old, booked G208848  
**Officer:** Raymond Rodriguez #11199, 4-year veteran

**Update: September 26, 2025**

The suspect in this critical incident, Wilson Melgar-Melgar, has been released from the hospital and booked into jail under booking number G208848 for numerous felony charges.

*Sergeant Brian Bower*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

### **Officer Involved Shooting**

(September 25, 2025) Detectives are investigating an officer-involved shooting near 6100 North 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

On September 24, 2025, around 10:00 pm, officers responded to a text to 911 regarding a domestic violence incident at an apartment near 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Bethany Home Road. Officers were informed by radio dispatch that a man was holding a toddler hostage with a machete.

When officers arrived, they had some of the occupants of the home step outside. Officers looked inside through an open door and observed a man armed with a machete with a toddler on his lap. Officers communicated with the man and asked him to step outside with his hands up. After he did not, officers used a less-lethal tool; however, it was ineffective. The man did not drop the machete, and did not let go of the toddler, and this was when the officer involved shooting occurred.

After the shooting, officers moved up and separated the man from the machete and carried the toddler out of the apartment. The toddler suffered minor injuries and was taken to the hospital, where he was later discharged. Officers provided aid to the man until fire personnel took over and transported him to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. He was later stabilized and expected to survive.

The Department of Public Safety's Major Incident Division will be investigating the shooting. The man will be booked into the Maricopa County Jail for crimes stemming from this incident once he is released from the hospital.

The area will remain closed for an extended period while the scene is investigated and processed.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

