



Phoenix Police Department
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MEDIA ADVISORY

The following statement was shared publicly by Phoenix Police Chief Matt Giordano via official Department social media regarding the officer-involved shooting that occurred on January 26, 2026, in the area of 7500 West Lower Buckeye Road.

Statement from Police Chief Matt Giordano

My heart goes out to the family and loved ones affected by the officer-involved shooting on Monday, January 26. I am deeply sorry for their loss. I understand that incidents like this bring pain not only to those directly impacted but to our entire community.

Within the next few days, we will release the Critical Incident Briefing (CIB) video related to this investigation. Sharing these briefing videos is part of our ongoing commitment to transparency in all critical incidents involving our officers.

We understand there are many questions about the officer's actions and about the suspect responsible for the aggravated assault that led to the initial call. The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) is conducting a criminal investigation, and we ask for patience as that process moves forward. We are fully cooperating and will continue to support DPS as they gather all the facts.

Based on what we now know, I am able to share that the man who was fatally shot had disarmed the individual who had fired shots at the home and other family members. He was not the subject of the original call.

My commitment is to transparency and accountability. Once DPS completes its investigation, the Phoenix Police Department's Professional Standards Bureau will conduct an internal administrative investigation to determine whether our policies, training, and expectations were followed in this incident.

We know this does not lessen the pain felt by those who are grieving. Our goal is to be transparent and maintain trust as we work through this difficult incident together.