



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

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**Date/Time:** January 5, 2024, around 10:00 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2024-00000969 (Peoria Police Department)  
**Location:** 8700 W Bell Road  
**Victim:** Adult Male Detective, non-life-threatening gunshot wound  
**Suspect:** Junior Reyes, 30-year-old, deceased  
**Officer:** Officer Phillip Belsterling, #9107  
**Officer:** Officer Alan Bansky, #9553  
**Officer:** Officer Skyler Esterline, #10069

## **Officer Involved Shooting**

(January 5, 2024) Peoria Police detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting.

On January 5, 2024, around 10:00 a.m., detectives assigned to the Fugitive Apprehension and Investigations Detail (FAID) were in the area of 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bell Road to conduct an apprehension of a known adult male, identified as 30-year-old Junior Reyes, who had an outstanding felony warrant and probable cause to be arrested for two counts of aggravated assault on two Phoenix Police officers from a previous incident. Reyes was in the area just south of Bell Road when the apprehension was attempted.

During this apprehension, Reyes produced a handgun and gunfire was exchanged between multiple FAID detectives and Reyes. During the exchange of gunfire, one detective suffered a gunshot wound. This detective was transported to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. He has since been treated and released and is expected to make a full recovery.

Reyes also suffered gunshot wounds. He was transported to a local hospital; however, he did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Peoria Police Department detectives responded to assume the investigation. The area involved in this incident will be shut down for an extended period of time as the scene investigation continues.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
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