



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 22, 2023, at about 7:58 p.m.
Incident: 2023-777858
Location: 16800 North 19th Avenue
Suspect: Melissa Ann Larue, 40-year-old, MCSO Booking #T837634
Officers: Officer Andres Ordanza #8687
Officer Nicholas Kerger #8702
Officer Mitchell Whitney #10555

UPDATE: May 31, 2023

On May 26, 2023, the suspect in this case, identified as 40-year-old Melissa Ann Larue, was released from a local hospital and subsequently booked for multiple charges to include aggravated assault.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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Officer Involved Shooting

(May 23, 2023) Phoenix Police are investigating an officer involved shooting that left a woman in the hospital with serious injuries.

On May 22, 2023, around 7:30 p.m., Phoenix police officers responded to the area of 35th Avenue and Glendale Avenue regarding a suspicious vehicle. When officers got to the area, they located the vehicle described and attempted to make a traffic stop. The vehicle failed to yield to the officers and took off.

Officers initiated a tactical surveillance which continued to the area of 19th Avenue and Phelps Road. There, an officer deployed a grappler and immobilized the vehicle just north of Phelps Road. Contact was made with the adult female driver of the vehicle. She was given several commands, which she did not comply. The woman produced a handgun and pointed it in the direction of an officer. It was at this time that three officers discharged their firearms.

After the shooting, the woman began to obey commands and was arrested shortly thereafter. She was transported to a local hospital where she remains in serious but stable condition.

Detectives responded to investigate the shooting. This incident will be the subject of a criminal investigation and an administrative investigation. The Phoenix Police Department will follow its normal protocol after an officer involved shooting.

Details about the woman will be available when she is released from the hospital and booked into jail.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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