



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

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**Date/Time:** April 7, 2024, around 1:04 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2024-504067  
**Location:** 1700 West Bell Road  
**Victim:** Adult male officer, hospitalized  
**Suspect:** John Liddell Jr., 33-year-old male Booking #G091117

**UPDATE: Monday, April 8, 2024 10 p.m.**

On April 8, 2024, Detectives booked 33-year-old John Liddell Jr. into Maricopa County Jail for a number of felony charges stemming from the Aggravated Assault Stabbing of a Phoenix Police officer. After his release from the hospital, Liddell Jr. was processed at Police Headquarters and later booked into jail under booking number G091117.

**UPDATE: Monday, April 8, 2024 5 p.m.**

Phoenix Police officer injured Sunday continues his recovery in the hospital surrounded by family and fellow officers. We are grateful for all the messages of support and encouragement received from the community. The successful recovery of our officer is the top priority of our department. This incident serves as a reminder our officers have an unwavering commitment to public safety and a willingness to put themselves at risk to protect others. We ask that you keep the continued recovery of both this officer and officer Boswell who was injured last week in your thoughts and prayers.

Suspect information to include booking information will be release as soon as the booking process is completed.

### **Suspect in Custody After Stabbing Officer** *Officer Continues Recovery in Hospital*

(April 7, 2024) Phoenix police detectives are investigating an aggravated assault on an officer early this morning. The officer is expected to survive his injuries; suspect hospitalized due to issues unrelated to the incident.

This morning, just after 1:00 a.m., an officer from the Black Mountain Precinct responded to a trespassing call at a gas station near 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bell Road. The officer was directed to a man inside the business and was told by an employee they wanted him trespasses off the property. The officer spoke to the man and informed him he was no longer allowed to be on the property. The officer escorted the man towards the exit when the man pulled a knife and violently attacked the officer.

During the assault, employees inside the store rushed to the officer's aide and fought with the armed suspect. They were able to subdue the suspect until other officers arrived and took the man into custody. The officer was rushed to the hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. The employees who assisted the officer were treated on scene for minor injuries. The suspect was also taken to the hospital where he was admitted for medical issues unrelated to the incident.

"I am so grateful that our officer injured last night is stable and recovering in the hospital. This is the second Phoenix officer who has been violently attacked in a week. I refuse to let this become the norm. It is unacceptable and the community should be outraged," said, Interim Phoenix Police Chief Michael Sullivan

The officer currently remains in the hospital as he continues to recover from his injuries. The department appreciates the community's support and we ask to keep the officer in your thoughts.

The suspect will be booked on multiple felony charges once he is released from the hospital.

*Sergeant Mayra Reeson*  
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