



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: September 3, 2024, around 6:30 p.m.
Incident: 2024-1301617
Location: 1600 East McDowell Road
Victim: Officer Zane Coolidge, 29 yoa, Mountain View Precinct, 5 years of service
Victim: Officer Matthew Haney, 31 yoa, Mountain View Precinct, 2 years of service
Suspect: Saul Bal, 41-year-old male, MCSO Booking# G125250

UPDATE: September 7, 2024

On September 6, 2024, Interim Chief Sullivan announced Officer Zane Coolidge passed away after a valiant fight with injuries suffered from a critical incident that occurred the evening of September 3rd, 2024.

[Click here for Chief Sullivan's Statement](#)

This morning, suspect Saul Bal's attempted murder charge was officially upgraded to first degree murder for his actions that resulted in the death of Officer Coolidge.

Details on memorial services for Officer Coolidge are pending and will be shared in a future update. Thank you again for keeping Officer Coolidge's family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
Public Affairs Bureau

UPDATE: September 6, 2024

The two Phoenix police officers who were shot in the line of duty Tuesday night have been identified as Officer Zane Coolidge and Officer Matthew Haney. Officer Coolidge is a 5-year veteran of the Department and is assigned to the field training squad in the Mountain View Precinct. Officer Haney has been with the Department for 2 years. He came to us as a lateral hire after spending 7 years as an officer with a department in northern California. He is also assigned to the field training squad in the Mountain View Precinct.

Officer Coolidge remains in critical condition and continues to put up a brave fight. Officer Haney is recovering at home. He and his family have respectfully asked for privacy.

The Department would like to thank the community for the incredible outpouring of support for these two young officers. The Phoenix Police Foundation's Officer Assistance Page remains active for those who would like to help these officers. [Donate Here](#)

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UPDATE: September 4, 2024

One Officer Released, Another Remains Critical

Two officers shot while on duty Tuesday night

The two Phoenix police officers injured after being shot in the line of duty last night continue to recover from their injuries. One officer remains in critical condition as he continues to fight for his life at the hospital. The second officer has been released and will continue his recovery at home. He and his family have asked for privacy.

The officers have been with the Department five and two years respectively. Both are certified Field Training Officers in the Mountain View Precinct who help to train those who have just graduated the academy.

"I continue to keep the two officers injured in my thoughts and ask the entire Phoenix community to join me in supporting their families and our department through this difficult time. The perpetrator's unconscionable act of gun violence against our officers is a stark reminder that their service to our city comes with serious risk and sacrifice, for which we are immensely grateful," Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego said.

The suspect, Saul Bal, remains in custody and is being held on a \$2,000,000 bond. He faces charges including attempted homicide, weapons violations, and burglary from vehicle. Bal has a violent criminal history and is a prohibited possessor.

"This tragic event serves as a somber reminder of the dangers that our law enforcement officers face every day while working tirelessly to keep our community safe," District 6 Councilman Kevin Robinson said. "I call on all residents to support not only these officers but all members of our police force who continue to serve with courage and dedication."

The outpouring of support for the shooting of two people who protect and serve this community has been overwhelming. Many of the poles around the hospital where the two were taken have been adorned with blue ribbons.

"The support we have been receiving from the public and community partners has been unwavering. We appreciate the thoughts and encouragement for our officers as they continue to do the job, knowing one of their own remains in the hospital," said Mountain View Precinct Commander Leif Myers.

Investigators continued to process the crime scene and collect evidence throughout the night and early into the morning. Detectives did locate a firearm that is believed to be the one used by Bal.

"I ask the community to keep both officers and their families in their thoughts and prayers. I would also like to express my gratitude for men and women of the Phoenix Police Department who, even in the face of danger, are committed to keeping this community safe," said Interim Police Chief Michael Sullivan.

For those looking to support our injured officers, the Phoenix Police Foundation has setup a webpage for anyone wanting to donate. [Phoenix Police Foundation Officer Assistance Page](#)

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Two Phoenix Officers Shot, Suspect Arrested

(September 4, 2024) Phoenix police have arrested a man for shooting two police officers, leaving both officers in critical condition. The suspect has been booked for attempted homicide.

On September 3, 2024, at approximately 6:30 p.m., a two-man patrol unit was dispatched to a call of a man trying to break into a vehicle by a home near 16th Street and Brill Street. When officers arrived, they were directed to a man, later identified as 41-year-old Saul Bal, as the suspect breaking into a vehicle. Officers approached Bal who immediately took off on foot. After a short foot pursuit, Bal started shooting at the officers, striking both of them. One of the officers was able to return fire, but Bal was not struck.

After the shooting, Bal took off on foot but was later arrested nearby by other officers. The injured officers were rushed to the hospital. One officer is currently in critical condition and fighting for his life. The second officer is listed in stable condition. Chief Michael Sullivan said the events of the evening were devastating for the Department, for those who love and care for our officers and for the entire community.

"The officers are surrounded by family and loved ones and we ask that you keep everyone affected by this cowardly act in your thoughts and prayers," said Sullivan as he spoke to members of the accompanied by City and County leaders outside the hospital.

Chief Sullivan also provided a troubling statistic, "Our officers have been met by gunfire 11 times this year protecting and serving this community. What happened tonight is senseless. It angers me and I hope you share in my anger."

Homicide detectives have taken over the investigation and are processing the extensive crime scene. Bal was booked into the Maricopa County Jail on multiple felonies to include two counts of Attempted Murder. The investigation remains active.

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