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**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 around 1 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2022-385609  
**Location:** 2700 West Maryland Avenue  
**Victim:** Phoenix Police Officers

## **One Officer Shot, another Injured after a Suspect Opened Fire on Officers**

Two Phoenix police officers are recovering from wounds suffered when a suspect opened fire on them as they drove along Maryland Avenue near 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. One of the officers suffered a gunshot wound to his wrist. The injury is not life-threatening. A second officer received minor injuries from flying glass.

This all started when two officers riding together tried to stop a vehicle for traffic violations. That vehicle took off and officers lost sight of it. The officers spotted the same vehicle a short time later and got behind the vehicle to attempt to stop it again. When the officers were driving along Maryland Avenue near 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, someone standing along the road opened fire on police. A barrage of bullets struck the police vehicle. The passenger officer was hit in the wrist, the driver officer was injured from flying glass.

“This is the 7<sup>th</sup> Phoenix officer shot and 12<sup>th</sup> injured in the line of duty in the past three months. This kind of violence within our community and toward police officers cannot become the new normal,” said Phoenix Police Chief Jeri Williams.

The driver the officers were originally trying to stop, ended up bailing out of his car and taking off on foot. Additional officers responded to the area, and took him into custody. He is being questioned. Both officers were taken to the hospital where they are being treated for their injuries.

Investigators continue to search for the shooter. The area around 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Bethany Home Road and Glendale Avenue remains restricted and part of an active scene.

Anyone with information that may help identify and locate the suspect in this case is asked to call police. You can remain anonymous by calling Silent Witness at 480-Witness.

**UPDATE 03/13/2022 9:50 p.m.**

Phoenix police detectives have arrested the man they believe is responsible for opening fire on two police officers early this morning. One of the officers suffered a gunshot wound and remains in the hospital with a non-life-threatening injury. The other officer received minor injuries from flying glass.

The scene in the area of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Maryland has been restricted since the very early this morning and detectives worked this case all day.

This investigation that resulted in the arrest of an adult man who is currently in the process of being booked on attempted homicide charges took a true team effort.

Detectives from multiple units including Homicide, Digital Forensics, Crime Lab, Drug Enforcement, Vehicular Crimes, Crime Gun Intelligence, and Special Assignments along with the help of the US Marshals, ATF, and Crime Scene Specialists, all played a critical role in this investigation. Those in these details worked from the early morning hours today through tonight gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses, and serving search warrants to make this arrest possible.

The driver the officers were trying to stop at approximately 1:00 a.m. today prior to the shooting, has also been arrested. He has been identified as 18-year-old Javon Beasley (MCSO T764129) and has been booked on felony flight.

Additional information on the suspect in the shooting is expected to be available tomorrow morning, once the booking process is complete.

