



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: March 24, 2023, at about 9:46 a.m.
Incident: 2023-436961
Location: 1100 West Atlanta Avenue
Victim: Officer, non-life-threatening injuries
Suspect: Joseph Lopez, 29-year-old, Booked into MCSO T832018

UPDATE: March 25, 2023

Detectives finalize the arrest of Joseph Lopez for his involvement in the shooting of a Phoenix Police Officer. Joseph was taken into custody and later booked into Maricopa County Jail under booking number T832018 for attempted murder and other felony charges.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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Officer Hospitalized After Ambush Style Shooting, Suspect Arrested

(March 24, 2023) Detectives have made an arrest in the shooting incident that hospitalized a Phoenix Police Officer in the neighborhood of 11th Avenue and Atlanta Avenue Friday morning.

Phoenix officers responded to a hit and run accident call near 1100 West Atlanta Avenue at about 9:46 a.m. on March 24, 2023. As the first responding officer arrived, she saw an adult male walking on foot matching the description given on the call. While approaching in her patrol car, the suspect pulled a rifle and began shooting at the officer.

The officer made an emergency movement in the patrol car and drove away from the threat. During this time, the officer suffered a gunshot wound to her left hip and a bullet fragments to her face. Phoenix Fire responded and took the officer to a local hospital where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspect left the area and was later located in a nearby house. Detectives with the Special Assignment Unit responded and were able to successfully take suspect into custody. The suspect received minor injuries and was taken to local hospital to be treated.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Bureau responded and took over the investigation. No other members of the community were injured during this incident. One other police officer received minor injuries from a dog bite during the search for the suspect.

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