

MEDIA ADVISORY
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date/Time: April 14, 2018 at 2:05 a.m.
Location: 1400 West Thomas Road
Officer: 32 year old male, 12 years of service
Officer: 34 year old male, 10 years of service
Officer: 32 year old male, 2 years of service
Officer: 24 year old male, 3 years of service
Officer: 34 year old male, 2 years of service
Suspect: 39 year old male

On April 14th, 2018, at approximately 2:05 a.m., officers responded multiple calls of shots fired in the area of 6000 N. 29th Avenue and at 2700 W. Highland Street. The suspect vehicle involved in these incidents was described as a black Mustang with out of state plates. At approximately 3:00 a.m., Officers observed a black Mustang in the area of 2000 W. Indian School Road. Officers attempted to stop the suspect vehicle, but it failed to stop. The vehicle was not pursued. The police helicopter and unmarked police vehicles maintained visual contact with the suspect vehicle. The vehicle proceeded onto the I-10 freeway where DPS successfully spiked the vehicle tires. The vehicle continued into the area of 6800 E. Scottsdale Road where it became disabled. The suspect was able to change vehicles at this location.

While the suspect was near the 101 and 202 freeway interchange, the suspect pointed a hand-gun at a DPS Trooper who was assisting in this investigation. The suspect also attempted to take a vehicle at gun point, but was unsuccessful. The suspect's second vehicle was successfully spiked by DPS as he fled from this area westbound. The suspect vehicle continued westbound to the area of 1400 W. Thomas Road where his vehicle was once again disabled. The suspect fled from the vehicle with a gun in his hand. As he ran towards a nearby residence on Thomas Road, an officer fired at the suspect. The suspect ran away from the residence with the gun in his hand and the officer fired again at the suspect. Additional officers arrived and chased the suspect as he ran behind the businesses. The suspect pointed his firearm at officers causing them to fire their weapons at him striking the suspect. The suspect was pronounced deceased. There were no injuries to officers. A gun was recovered at the scene.

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