

MEDIA ADVISORY
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date/Time: January 10, 2018 at 11:43 a.m.

Location: 3200 E. Southern Avenue

Officer: 50 year old male, 25 years of service

Suspect: 31 year old male

On January 10, 2018 at approximately 11:43 a.m., Phoenix Police Officers located a traffic collision at 3200 East Southern Avenue. The collision resulted when a stolen produce box truck ran a red light on Southern Avenue and collided with a van. The box truck overturned in the roadway. Before police arrived, the driver was able to climb out of the stolen truck and attempted to steal a pickup truck left unoccupied by a Good Samaritan who stopped to assist. Before leaving his vehicle, the Good Samaritan took the keys with him and the suspect was unable to flee the scene and instead locked himself in the truck. Officers arrived, blocked the truck from leaving and began negotiating with the suspect. During negotiations, the suspect exited the truck armed with a handgun and threatened the officers. The officer discharged his handgun, striking the suspect ending the threat. The suspect was taken to a local hospital where he is expected to recover from his injuries.

Investigation revealed the suspect was driving a stolen vehicle which had been taken earlier in the day from Central and Monroe Avenues. The suspect rear ended another vehicle in the area of 4600 East Broadway Road. While fleeing the collision, the suspect collided with another vehicle. Both drivers then followed the stolen truck southbound on 48th Street and westbound on Southern Avenue until the collision at 3200 East Southern Avenue. Closer inspection of the suspect's handgun revealed that it is a replica gun. The investigation is ongoing.

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