

MEDIA ADVISORY
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date/Time: December 17, 2018 at 9:34 p.m.
Location: 3600 W. Camelback Road
Suspect: 34 year old, Hispanic male
Officer: 44 year old, white male Service Time: 18 years
Victim: adult female

On December 17, 2018, at approximately 9:34 p.m., Phoenix Police officers responded to a call of a domestic violence fight in the area of 3600 West Camelback Road. The victim and the suspect were both in the vehicle traveling eastbound on Camelback Road. The suspect assaulted the victim and was damaging the inside of her vehicle while she was driving. The victim pulled over and the suspect exited the vehicle. The victim could see that the suspect was now armed with a gun and quickly drove away. As the victim fled, she heard shots coming from the suspect's direction. The victim called police and provided a description of the suspect. Officers arrived in the area of South 37th Avenue and East Camelback Road. Officers located the suspect who matched the description given by the victim. Officers noticed the suspect was armed with a gun. The suspect then pointed the gun at vehicle traffic and at his own head as he walked along the sidewalk. The suspect ignored continuous commands to drop the gun. A sergeant arrived and saw the armed suspect. The suspect began to walk towards several open businesses and occupied vehicles. The sergeant then fired his service weapon at the suspect, striking him and stopping the threat. The suspect was taken into custody with the assistance of a police K9. Phoenix Fire personnel responded and the suspect was pronounced deceased at scene. Officers located the female victim and noticed visible injuries. There were no injuries to officers during this incident.

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