

# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING/AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**

Date/Time: November 3, 2019 at 11:00 pm

Location: 2800 East Atlanta Avenue

Officer-1: 34 year old male with 12 years of service

Injury: K-9 bite, stable

Officer-2: 36 year old male with 5 years of service

Injury: gunshot wound, stable

Officer 3: 52 year old male with 31 years of service

Officer 4: 48 year old male with 12 years of service

Officer 5: 38 year old male with 3 years of service

Officer 6: 37 year old male with 11 years of service

Victim-1: 69 year old female

Injury: gunshot, stable

Victim-2: 38 year old female

Injury: gunshot, stable

Victim-3: 34 year old male

Injury: not injured

Suspect: 32 year old male

Injury: deceased

On November 2, 2019 at approximately 7:49 p.m., Phoenix police officers responded to a residence in the area of 2800 East Atlanta Avenue reference an unknown trouble. The comments on the call reported a family fight and an armed suspect. Officers arrived at the residence and officers were advised from the residents that they were fine and refused to open the door. There were no additional calls and no signs of an emergency at the residence.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., Phoenix police officers responded to a second call to the same residence near 2800 East Atlanta Avenue.

The comments on this call indicated similar concerns. The suspect was now threatening to shoot the family members and refusing to allow them to leave. It was also reported that the suspect had physically assaulted the 69-year-old female victim and she was in need of medical attention.

Officers arrived and approached the residence when they heard shots being fired inside the house. Concerned with the safety of the family members, Officers tactically approached the home and they were met with gunfire in their direction. Officers retreated and attempted a different approach to the residence, but once again they were met by gunfire. Officers from the Special Assignment Unit responded to assist. Negotiations with the suspect began and continued for several hours.

After repeated requests to have the suspect release the victims, the suspect refused and was observed shooting his gun. SAU officers began to approach the home in order to safely rescue the victims and gun fire was exchanged with the suspect. During this exchange, one officer and two female victims were shot. A second officer was bit by a police canine. The third victim, an adult male, was found unharmed and he was also removed from the residence. The suspect was shot and was pronounced deceased.

The injured officers and two female victims are expected to survive their injuries. This is an ongoing investigation.

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