

MEDIA ADVISORY
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date and Time: January 11, 2019, approximately 12:22 a.m.
Location: 9200 W. Camelback Road

Officers Involved:

1. Phoenix Police Officer, Male, 33-years-old, 12 years with Phoenix Police Department
2. Phoenix Police Officer, Male, 46-years-old, 21 years with Phoenix Police Department

Suspects:

1. Jacob Michael Harris, Male, 19-years-old, Injuries: Deceased
2. Jeremiah Lynn Triplett, Male, 20-years-old, MCSO Booking #T519327, Charges: 1st Degree Murder, Armed Robbery
3. Sariah Christine Busani, Female, 19-years-old, MCSO Booking #T519329, Charges: 1st Degree Murder, Armed Robbery
4. Male, 14-years-old, Detained at JCC, Charges: 1st Degree Murder, Armed Robbery

Phoenix Police Robbery Detectives developed information about several individuals, who were believed to be responsible for a number of armed robberies throughout the valley. On Thursday, January 10, 2019, surveillance officers located a suspect vehicle with four occupants and began to follow it. Shortly after midnight, on January 11, 2019, the suspects committed an armed robbery of a fast food restaurant in the area of 1400 N. Dysart Road in Avondale. The suspects fled the scene in their vehicle before a tactical apprehension could be conducted.

Special Assignments Unit (SWAT) officers responded to assist and were able to stop the vehicle in the area of 9200 W. Camelback Road. An adult male suspect, later identified as Jacob Michael Harris, got out of the vehicle, armed with a handgun. He did not obey commands and pointed his gun in the direction of officers as he started to move towards an occupied convenience store. Two SAU officers fired at the suspect, ending the threat. The suspect was taken into custody with the assistance of a K9. He was transported to a local hospital, where he died from his injuries. The other three suspects, Jeremiah Lynn Triplett, Sariah Christine Busani and a 14-year-old male, were taken into custody at their vehicle. No officers were injured during this incident.

Jeremiah Lynn Triplett and Sariah Christine Busani were booked into the Maricopa County Jail and the 14-year-old male suspect was detained at JCC. All three suspects were charged with 1st Degree Murder, because of the death of their accomplice Jacob Michael Harris, as well as armed robbery. This investigation is ongoing.

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