

MEDIA ADVISORY

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON POLICE – OIS

Report#: 2019-849179
Date/Time: Sunday, May 19, 2019; 3:10 a.m.
Location: 1600 East Portland Street
Suspect: Native American male, (name withheld pending NOK notification)
Officer1: Female, white, 24 years old, 1.5 years' service
Officer2: Male, white, 40 years old, 17 years' service

Details: On Sunday, May 19, 2019, at around 3:10 a.m., a Phoenix Police sergeant in the area of North 16th Street and East Portland Street observed four males walking with beer in the area. One subject threw a beer bottle at a passing vehicle. The driver of the passing vehicle stopped and advised police that one of the subjects was armed with a handgun. When officers attempted to contact the subjects, the group split up and ran in different directions.

Officers encountered three of the subjects on Portland Street at about 1500 East as they exited the yard of a residence where they were hiding. One of the subjects, an unidentified male, fired shots at police. An officer fired her service weapon at that suspect as he fled to the north side of the apartments located at 1110 N 16th Street, which is adjacent to the I-10 exit ramp at North 16th Street.

A police lieutenant arrived at the apartments from the west and observed the suspect running toward 16th Street. That suspect fired additional shots over his shoulder at police. The lieutenant returned fire. Sometime during these exchanges, the suspect was struck by gunfire.

The suspect made it out to 16th Street at the I-10 exit ramp where he tried opening the doors of a waiting vehicle. The suspect then collapsed in the road. A firearm was located in the suspect's possession. Life saving measures were attempted by officers, but this suspect was later pronounced deceased at the scene. There were no injuries to officers.

Police located a second subject, a juvenile, on the northeast corner of the apartments where he was taken into custody with the assistance of a Taser and police K-9. He was transported to the hospital for non life-threatening injuries. He was cleared from the hospital and transported to Police Headquarters for questioning. Two remaining juvenile subjects were located and detained near 16th Street and Portland Street. They were also transported for interview. A second firearm was located at the scene.

None of the responding officers have been issued body-worn cameras at this time. This investigation is ongoing.

***UPDATE - It was initially reported that the suspect was struck by a vehicle after collapsing in the roadway. This was based on initial reports which the investigation**

has revealed may have been errant. This investigation is ongoing. Although the suspect was struck by gunfire, cause of death will ultimately be determined by the Medical Examiner.

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