

MEDIA ADVISORY OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date & Time: September 13, 2020 at 8:45 p.m.

Location: 9700 N 29th Avenue

Incident: 2020-1513182

Suspect #1 (Driver): Male, 15-years-old

Injuries: Critical

Suspect #2 (Psg): Male, 16-years-old

Injuries: Critical

1) Phoenix Police Officer (Driver): Officer Jordan Pollard #10545, Male, 24-years-old with 2 years of service

2) Phoenix Police Officer (Psg): Officer Nathan Jewell #10261, Male, 25-years-old with 3 years of service

On September 13, 2020, at about 8:45 p.m., Phoenix Police officers responded to emergency traffic of an armed robbery in the area of 9400 N 31st Avenue. The victim reported two unknown males approached him in the apartment complex parking lot. One of them pointed a handgun at him and demanded his vehicle. He gave them the keys and they both drove away in his vehicle.

A two-man patrol unit, were traveling northbound on 29th Avenue toward North Metro Parkway when they located the stolen vehicle southbound, stopped in traffic. Both officers exited the patrol vehicle and approached the suspect vehicle on foot. The officers gave verbal commands and motioned for the driver to remain stopped. The driver initially appeared to comply and then suddenly drove towards the driver officer who was positioned at the front of the vehicle. Both officers fired their service weapons.

The suspect vehicle continued to drive southbound on 29th Avenue and officers initiated a pursuit. Officers followed the suspects to the area of 2900 W Northern Ave where the vehicle stopped. The passenger exited the vehicle while the driver remained inside not responding to verbal commands. A K-9 Officer deployed less lethal munitions into the driver side window to ensure the vehicle was safe to approach. The driver then exited the vehicle. Both the driver and passenger were treated by Phoenix Fire personnel on scene and transported to a local hospital where they are currently in critical condition.

A handgun was recovered from the vehicle.

There were no injuries to any officers or other civilians.

The investigation is ongoing.

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The 16-year-old passenger suspect was released from the hospital today. Detectives interviewed the suspect at Phoenix Police Headquarters and booked him into Juvenile Correctional Center for his involvement in the Armed Robbery.

The 15-year-old driver suspect's condition has stabilized but remains in critical condition.

This OIS investigation is ongoing. Additional information will be released, including body-worn camera footage within the 14-day window.

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