

MEDIA ADVISORY

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date/Time: October 22, 2020 at approximately 1:00 a.m.

Location of OIS: 3500 West Washington Street

Location of call: 4200 North 27th Avenue

Incident Report Number: 2020-1733634

Officer Mathew Sahotsky #9936, 25 year old male with 4 years of service

Suspect: 21 year old male

On October 22, 2020, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Phoenix Police Officers responded to a shots fired call in the area of 4200 North 27th Avenue. The caller told 911 a man and woman near a vehicle were arguing when he heard shots being fired from the vehicle. As the vehicle left the parking lot a second shot was fired. The caller was able to provide a description of the vehicle.

Officers were in the area, heard shots being fired and a vehicle matching the description leaving the area of 27th Avenue and Glenrosa Avenue. They followed the vehicle and a traffic stop was attempted but the vehicle failed to stop. A pursuit was initiated when the vehicle traveled west on McDowell Road from the I-17 Fwy. As the suspect vehicle entered the intersection of N. 35th Avenue and W. McDowell Road it collided with another vehicle. The suspect vehicle did not stop and continued south on N. 35th Avenue.

As the vehicle approached S. 35th Avenue and W. Washington Street it lost control as it turned east bound on W. Washington Street. The vehicle came to a stop facing westbound on the south side of the street and the front passenger, a female, ran westbound from the vehicle yelling for help. The suspect also exited the vehicle and was armed with a rifle. The suspect fired the rifle at officers and one officer fired at the suspect, stopping the threat.

Additional officers arrived to assist in taking the suspect into custody. The officers could see that the suspect was in close proximity of the rifle and was not compliant. In an effort to safely approach the suspect, an officer deployed two stunbag rounds striking the suspect. The suspect complied and was then taken into custody. Officers rendered medical aid and applied a tourniquet to his leg. He was transported to a local hospital by Phoenix Fire where he remains in serious condition. The female passenger was located and not injured. The other vehicle which was involved in the collision was not located. There were no injuries to officers.

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