

## **MEDIA ADVISORY OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING**

**Date/Time:** March 13, 2020, at approximately 5:50 p.m.

**Location:** 1000 South 24th Street

**Incident Report Number:** 2020-443959

**Police Officer:** Officer Charles Hilyard #7451, 52 years old with 19 years of service

**Police Officer:** 23 years old with less than 2 years of service

**Suspect:** Mario Valenzuela, 35-year-old male

On Friday, March 13, 2020, at approximately 5:50 p.m., Phoenix Police Officers responded to a call of a man with a knife in the area of 24th Street and Buckeye Road. It was reported that the man was cutting himself and bleeding.

Officers arrived, and the man was not initially located. Officers remained in the area in an attempt to locate him. A few minutes later the man was seen by officers on 24<sup>th</sup> Street south of Buckeye Road. They approached the man and saw that he was still armed with a knife and bleeding. Officers told the man to drop the knife and he refused, yelling at them to shoot him as he walked into traffic lanes.

The man continued to ignore the officers and moved toward them still armed with the knife. One officer deployed an Electronic Control Device (Taser) and a second officer fired at the man, stopping the threat. The man was transported to a hospital in serious condition and is expected to survive his injuries. There were no injuries to officers or any other community members.

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