



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: March 4, 2023, just before 11 a.m.
Incident: 2023-326723
Location: 35th and Southern Avenues
Suspect: David Apana, 35-year-old male, MCSO Booking# T830054
Officer: Officer Jared Rodriguez #10173

UPDATE: March 5, 2023

David Apana was booked into the Maricopa County Sheriff's Jail for multiple felony counts which include Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer and Armed Robbery.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
Public Affairs Bureau

Officer Involved Shooting in South Phoenix

(March 4, 2023) Phoenix police detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred Saturday morning inside a superstore near Southern and 35th Avenues.

An officer, in full uniform was working off-duty security at a superstore near 35th and Southern Avenue when a loss prevention employee notified him that a man, later identified as 35-year-old David Apana, was trying to conceal items inside the store.

The officer and the loss prevention employee waited for Apana by an exit. When Apana approached the exit, the loss prevention employee stopped and talked to him. During the interaction Apana pulled out a firearm and pointed it towards the loss prevention employee and towards the officer who was nearby. The officer reacted to Apana's actions and fired his gun. It did not appear Apana was hit.

After the shooting, Apana ran towards the center of the store and eventually made it outside. Apana was seen by responding officers running into a nearby neighborhood. A perimeter was set around Apana's last known location. Apana was located and arrested. A firearm was also located next to the area where Apana was found. It was confirmed he was not struck by the officer's shot.

Detectives responded and processed the scene as they investigated the shooting. The investigation remains active.

There were no injuries to any other community members or officers.

Apana will be booked on multiple felonies to include Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer.

