



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



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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** March 8, 2023, at about 4:44 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2023-346776  
**Location:** 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and McDowell Road  
**Suspect:** Adult male, serious injury  
**Officer:** Officer Zachary Wheeler #10223

**UPDATE: April 14, 2023**

On April 13, 2023, Ethan Fuller was released from a local hospital and later booked into Maricopa County Jail under booking number T833701.

## Officer Involved Shooting

(March 8, 2023) Phoenix police detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred this morning near 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and McDowell Road.

Just before 5:00 a.m., officers responded to a call for service to a business near 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and McDowell Road of a man who wanted to speak to officers. While officers were going to the call, another 911 call was received for the same man acting erratic and disturbing customers inside the business.

The first arriving officer contacted the man inside. Both walked out to the front of the business. During the short interaction, the suspect began to physically attack the officer.

The officer was able to discharge his Taser, and the suspect went to the ground. The officer attempted to place the suspect in custody and the suspect forcefully turned around and kicked at the officer which caused the officer to lose control of this Taser. The suspect quickly got up and continued to violently attack the officer. The officer discharged his firearm, striking the suspect.

The suspect was transported to the hospital by the Phoenix Fire Department with serious injuries. There were no injuries to officers or other community members during this incident.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. As part of our transparency protocol a critical incident briefing video will be released within 14 days.

*Sergeant Melissa Soliz #9025*  
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