



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 20, 2023 at 3:14 p.m.
Incident: 2023-593187
Location: 28th Drive and Cactus Road
Suspect: Charles Rock, 37-year-old, Arrested and booked into MCSO T834515
Officer: Sergeant Ramel Colclough #8661

UPDATE: April 22, 2023

Detectives finalize the arrest of 37-year-old Charles Rock. Rock was released from the hospital earlier today and booked into Maricopa County Jail under booking number T834515.

Sergeant Brian Bower
Public Affairs Bureau

Officer Involved Shooting Investigation

(April 21, 2023) Phoenix Police are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred after a man robbed a bank and began shooting at a police helicopter.

Yesterday, on April 20, 2023 at 3:14 p.m., officers responded to a call of an armed robbery at a bank near 7th Street and Thunderbird Road. The call details described a man inside the bank with a rifle holding an explosive device. The suspect left the bank and got into a dark colored vehicle before officers arrived. As the suspect drove away from the bank, a witness in a truck followed the suspect while police were called.

The police helicopter spotted the suspect vehicle driving south on the I-17 freeway from Thunderbird Road. The suspect got off the freeway and drove west onto Cactus Road then made a left turn on 28th drive. The suspect pulled into the strip mall at 2855 West Cactus Road, got out of his vehicle, and fired several rounds from a rifle at the helicopter.

A Phoenix sergeant, who was responding to the radio traffic in an unmarked vehicle, saw the suspect shooting at the helicopter, and from inside his vehicle fire his rifle at the suspect, striking him. The suspect, who was standing just outside his driver's side door, got back into his vehicle and drove south on 28th Drive. The suspect drove into the parking lot at 11839 North 28th Drive. Additional officers took the suspect into custody and provided medical aid until the fire department arrived and transported him to the hospital with serious injuries.

The Bomb Squad and ATF responded and completed a search of the suspect's car and surrounding area. An improvised explosive device was found in the car.

Once the suspect is released from the hospital, he will be booked on several charges stemming from this incident.

There were no injuries to any officers or community members during this incident.

