

Media Advisory
Aggravated Assault on Police Officers
Officer Involved Shooting

Date and Time: July 15, 2018, approximately 6:26 p.m.
Location: 2700 West Thomas Road
Incident Report #: 2018-0001245597

Officers: 1. Phoenix Police Officer, Female, 28 years-old,
3 years of service
2. Phoenix Police Officer, Male, 52 years-old,
17 years of service

Suspect: Erik Lomeli, Male, 29 years-old
Booking # T475106

On July 15, 2018, at approximately 6:26 p.m., officers were patrolling as a two officer patrol unit in the area of 2700 West Thomas Road, an area known to the officers as containing high drug activity. The officers contacted the suspect just east of Grand Avenue on the south side of West Thomas Road. The suspect was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and Officer 2 attempted to detain the suspect by grabbing the suspect's right arm and a physical altercation ensued. Officer 1 assisted Officer 2 by grabbing the suspect's left arm, but the struggle continued, as the suspect actively fought with the officers down the embankment. At the bottom of the embankment, the suspect fell to the ground and continued to fight with Officer 2. Officer 1 deployed her TASER twice and also utilized OC spray against the suspect, however, neither had an effect on stopping the suspect's actions. During the struggle, Officer 2's duty weapon was removed from his holster and landed on the ground. At this time, Officer 1 saw a firearm on the ground near the waistband of the suspect. The suspect stood up and began to move towards Officer 1. Officer 1, now believing the suspect was armed, drew her service weapon and fired at the suspect. The suspect fled from the officers. A perimeter was established and a search for the suspect began, but the suspect was not located.

On July 16, 2018, at approximately 9:33 a.m., multiple 911 calls from the community were received to report a suspicious person in the area of 2500 North 27th Avenue, who matched the description of the outstanding suspect. As officers arrived in the area to investigate, the suspect saw them and immediately fled from the officers. A perimeter was established and an immediate search for the suspect commenced. The suspect was located and detained. It has now been determined the suspect was not injured by officers during the incident. The suspect has been booked into jail.

Officers sustained minor injuries during the incident, but no medical attention was necessary.

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