

Media Advisory

Officer Involved Shooting

Date/Time: August 30, 2019, 8:00 a.m.
Location: 9100 West Van Buren Street
Incident#: 2019-1499220
Officer: White Male, 39-years-old, 20 years of service
Injuries: None
Suspect: Rene Enrique Ruiz, Hispanic Male, 51-years-old
Injuries: Deceased

On Friday, August 30, 2019, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Phoenix Police detectives from the Fugitive Apprehension Investigations Detail were in the area of 3900 West Buckeye Road conducting follow up on an ongoing homicide investigation. During that time, the subject of their investigation was seen leaving the area in a vehicle. Detectives began to follow the vehicle and attempted to conduct a high-risk traffic stop at about 4300 West Buckeye Road.

The suspect refused to stop and fled from police at a high rate of speed. The Phoenix Police Air Support Unit maintained surveillance until the suspect stopped in the area of 8700 West Polk Street. Police attempted to contain the vehicle when the suspect rammed an occupied unmarked police vehicle. He then drove to the area of 9100 West Van Buren Street where his vehicle became disabled.

The suspect exited his vehicle armed with a handgun and attempted to rob a nearby driver of his vehicle. An officer intervened using his vehicle which caused the suspect to fall to the ground. The suspect raised and fired his gun at an approaching police officer, but did not strike him. The officer fired his service weapon striking the suspect and ending the threat. The suspect was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. There were no injuries to any officers.

The suspect's firearm was recovered at the scene.

The investigation is ongoing.

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