

MEDIA ADVISORY
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date and Time: April 28, 2020, approximately 10:56 a.m.
Location: 400 South Watson Road
Incident Report #: 2020-709426

Officers Involved:
Officer Matthew Eyrich #6082, Male, 48-years-old
25 years with the Phoenix Police Department
Injuries: None

Officer Jeffrey Knaup #5572, Male, 53-years-old
28 years with the Phoenix Police Department
Injuries: None

Suspect: Robert Musser, 32-years-old
Injuries: Deceased

Details:

On April 28, 2020, at about 8:00 a.m. Phoenix Police officers of the Central City Precinct's Neighborhood Enforcement Team were conducting follow up on a known suspect for his involvement in multiple felony crimes which had occurred over the past two weeks.

The suspect was located in the area of 8000 N 43rd Avenue and officers began surveillance. He was seen entering the back seat of a vehicle and a traffic stop was attempted in the area of 4300 West Oranewood Avenue. As the vehicle came to a stop, the driver exited the vehicle and the suspect entered the front seat and drove away. Officers were advised by the driver, a rideshare operator, the suspect had pointed a gun at him and stole the vehicle.

Officers from the Special Assignment Unit (SAU) along with the Phoenix Police Air Unit followed the suspect to the area of 400 South Watson Road in the City of Buckeye. They deployed a vehicle maneuver at which point the suspect shot at officers as they contained his vehicle in an open field. Two SAU officers returned fire striking the suspect.

Officers deployed less lethal gas and baton rounds into the vehicle to ensure there was no further threat prior to extracting the suspect. Once the suspect was removed from the vehicle, he was transported to the hospital by Buckeye Fire personnel where he was pronounced deceased.

There were no injuries to officers or the victim of the carjacking.

The investigation is ongoing.

Information provided by:
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