

MEDIA ADVISORY
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Date/Time: December 28, 2020 at 12:15 a.m.
Location: 4130 North 27th Avenue (parking lot)
Incident #: 2020-2100913

Suspect: Helen Jones, Female, 47-years-old
Injuries: Deceased

Officer: 24-year-old female with 3 years of service

Officer: 26-year-old male with 4 years of service

On December 28, 2020 at about 12:15 a.m., Officers from the Maryvale/ Estrella Mountain precinct were in the area of 27th Avenue and Indian School Road on an unrelated traffic stop when they heard shots fired in the immediate area. Officers left the traffic stop location and drove toward the direction of where the shots were fired. The female officer was flagged down by an adult female and was speaking about her vehicle in the strip mall located at 4130 North 27th Avenue. The officer asked the female if she was armed and gave verbal commands to show her waistband. The female claimed she was unarmed, but refused to show her right-side hip area, appearing to conceal a weapon. Additional officers arrived on scene and gave verbal commands to the suspect which she refused. The suspect then turned towards the officers and pointed a handgun at them. Two officers fired at the suspect stopping the threat. Less-lethal munition from a stun bag was also used by an officer.

Officers administered life-saving measures until Phoenix Fire personnel responded and transported the suspect to the hospital where the suspect was pronounced deceased. A handgun was recovered at the scene.

There were no injuries to officers or any other community members. The investigation is currently ongoing.

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