



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 25, 2023, at about 2:45 p.m.
Incident: 2023-290964
Location: 17617 North 9th Street
Suspect: Adult male, deceased
Officer: Eric Dilyard #10148

Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation

(February 25, 2023) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating an officer-involved shooting in the area of 17617 North 9th Street on Saturday afternoon.

On February 25, 2023, Phoenix officers were called to the area of Central Avenue and Bell Road after a caller described a truck driving erratically and swerving in the roadway. The caller had also indicated that the driver was drinking what they believed to be alcohol and saw the driver nearly hit a pedestrian. While the caller spoke with the 911 operator, they followed the vehicle and watched it pull into the apartment complex of 17617 North 9th Street and back into a parking spot.

Two officers responded to the complex and located the vehicle described in the call. While looking into the truck, both officers saw an adult man reclined in the driver's seat and a rifle near the center console area. Officers contacted the man and had him get out of the truck. At that time they noticed a holstered handgun in the driver's door pocket.

Seeing signs of intoxication, officers continued their DUI investigation near the truck. During the investigation, the man approached the open driver's door and grabbed the holstered handgun from the door pocket. One of the officers grabbed ahold of the man and began struggling for control of the gun.

The second officer noticing the commotion, went over to help. He saw the struggle over the gun and fired his duty weapon at the man. Phoenix Fire Department responded to the scene and took the man to a local hospital, where he did not survive his injuries.

There were no other reported injuries during this incident. This continues to be an active investigation.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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