



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 1, 2023, just before 8:45 p.m.
Incident: 2023-486368
Location: 14th Street and Bell Road
Suspect: Dwight Cornwell, 76-year-old male, deceased
Officers: Officer Emilio Luna #10074
Officer Richard Sias #9576
Officer Anthony Hual #11063

UPDATE: April 3, 2023

The suspect in this case has been identified as 76-year-old Dwight Cornwell.

Officer Involved Shooting in North Phoenix

(April 2, 2023) Phoenix police detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred Saturday night in an apartment complex parking lot near 14th Street and Bell Road.

Officers responded to a fight call just after 7:10 p.m. at an apartment complex near 14th Street and Bell Road. When officers arrived, they spoke to a man who wanted to retrieve items from an apartment. There was no answer at the door, so the man agreed to leave for the evening.

Around 8:20 p.m. a woman called the police after a man with a gun was attempting to break a window to access her apartment at the same complex that officers had left a short time ago. Officers responded and found the same man from the previous call in the apartment complex parking lot. The man then pulled a handgun from his person and officers began giving the man commands to drop the gun as they used a less-lethal tool. Despite the use of the less-lethal tool, the man raised the gun and fired into the air. This was when the officer involved shooting occurred.

After the shooting, officers moved in and moved the gun away from the man. They provided aid until the fire department arrived and later pronounced the man deceased.

Detectives responded and processed the scene as they investigated the shooting. The investigation remains active.

There were no injuries to officers or any other community members.