



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 14, 2023 at 8:21 p.m.
Incident: 2023-731222
Location: 39th Avenue and Cactus Road
Suspect: Eberto Juan Hernandez Jr., 38-years-old, MCSO booking #T836559
Officer: Officer Michael Lopez #11551

Update: May 16, 2023

The suspect has been identified as 38-year-old Eberto Juan Hernandez Jr. He was booked into jail on various offenses including aggravated assault on an officer, MCSO booking # T836559.

Sergeant Melissa Soliz
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Officer Involved Shooting Investigation

(May 15, 2023) Phoenix Police are investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred near 39th Avenue and Cactus Road after a man raised a gun in the direction of officers during a call of shots fired.

On May 14, 2023 just before 8:30 p.m., officers responded to a call of shots fired near 39th Avenue and Cactus Road. Information on the call stated that shots had been fired minutes ago behind the caller's house. A witness at the home reported seeing the man firing a gun in the backyard. Officers contacted the caller at the front door. During the contact, a man came to the door and fired several shots towards the ground inside the home. Both officers took positions of cover and set up containment on the house.

Officers could hear additional gunshots being fired from inside the home. The man approached the front door and raised a gun toward the officers. An officer discharged his handgun at the suspect but did not strike him. The suspect then retreated into the home.

Police commands were given to the suspect to exit the home. The suspect stood in the doorway and did not obey police commands. While the man reached towards his waistband, an officer discharged a less-lethal 40mm foam baton, striking him. After being struck, the suspect again retreated into the home. Police commands were continuously given to the suspect to exit the house. The suspect

eventually came out of the house unarmed and was taken into custody. Additional family members also came out of the house and were not injured.

There were no injuries to any officers or community members during this incident. The suspect is currently being interviewed by detectives and will be subsequently booked into jail.

*Sergeant Melissa Soliz
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