

Media Advisory
Officer Involved Shooting

Date and Time: November 29, 2018, approximately 3:06 p.m.
Location: 3300 W. Cambridge Avenue
Officer Involved: Phoenix Police Officer, Male, 43-years-old,
19 years with Phoenix Police Department
Suspect: Male, 46-years-old
Deceased

On Thursday, November 29, 2018 at approximately 3:06 p.m., officers responded to a call of an armed robbery that occurred in the parking lot of a business, located in the area of 3200 W. Virginia Avenue. The suspect pointed a long gun at the driver of a semi-truck, motioning for him to get out of the truck and the driver complied. The suspect got into the truck and drove it a short distance to the area of 3300 W. Cambridge Avenue where he stopped and got out in front of a house. He walked in front of the house and around the stolen truck, carrying the long gun in a "low ready" position. Witnesses said he pointed it at people on the street in the area. At one point, the suspect entered the rear yard of the house, which he was parked in front of, and came back outside. A Street Crimes Squad Sergeant was the first on scene and he established surveillance and broadcast that the suspect was armed with an AR-15 rifle with an extra magazine, while SAU and other tactical officers responded to the area.

After getting in position, the tactical teams moved up towards the suspect with a cover vehicle and gave him commands in both English and Spanish. He dropped what an SAU Officer believed to be a gun over a chain link fence. More commands were given and the suspect failed to comply with the commands. Several arwen rounds (less lethal rounds) were fired at him, with little or no effect. Officers on scene announced the suspect was still armed as he began to move out of containment towards another house. The suspect reached for his waist band and turned away. The SAU Officer, fired one round from his rifle and the suspect went down. A police canine was used to make contact with the suspect and officers took him into custody. The suspect was transported to a hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased. Detectives are still working to identify him. No officers were injured in this incident.

During the investigation, it was found that the long gun the suspect had was a replica long gun. In addition, several magazines with live ammunition, including an AR15 magazine, and several long knives were found to be either dropped by the suspect or in his possession when he was taken into custody.

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