

MEDIA ADVISORY
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON POLICE – OIS

Report#: 2019-785563
Date/Time: Thursday, May 9, 2019; 3:50 a.m.
Location: 700 West Pima Street
Suspect: **Hector Lopez, Hispanic Male, 29 years old, (deceased)**
Officer1: White male, 25 years old, 3 years' service
Officer2: White male, 33 years old, 2 years' service

Details: On Thursday, May 9, 2019, at around 3:50 a.m., Phoenix Police officers responded to the area of 700 West Pima Street on a call of a trespassing. The caller described a gray Lincoln Town Car with a male and female seated inside, and expressed concerns over recent attempted break-ins and drug activity in the area. Two officers arrived separately and approached the vehicle. One officer contacted the driver, a 29 year old male, who opened the door and a handgun fell to the ground. The suspect was ordered not to touch the weapon, but he suddenly dove toward the gun and grabbed it. The officer struggled to maintain control of the suspect who was refusing to release the gun. The backup officer moved to assist by delivering closed fist strikes to the suspect, as well as firing a Taser. The suspect turned and pointed the gun at police. Both officers then fired their service weapons striking the suspect and ending the threat. The female passenger was taken into custody. Officers began CPR on the suspect until Phoenix Fire personnel arrived and transported him to the hospital. The suspect was later pronounced deceased. A handgun was recovered at the scene. The female is to be booked into jail on an unrelated felony warrant. Both officers sustained minor injuries during the struggle.

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