



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 28, 2024, around 2:58 a.m.
Incident: 2024-777994
Location: 1005 East Southern Avenue
Victim: Male officer
Suspect: Adult male, deceased
Officer: Peter De La Pena #11204

Officer Involved Shooting

(May 28, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that happened early Tuesday morning near 10th Street and Southern Avenue.

On May 28, 2024, at approximately 2:56 a.m., two officers patrolling in the area of 10th Street and Southern Avenue stopped a man on a bike for a traffic violation. The officer riding in the passenger seat got out to contact the man. The man immediately became combative. A fight broke out and the officer driving the patrol Tahoe came around his vehicle to help the first officer detain the suspect. During the struggle the man pulled out a handgun and fired it, striking one of the officers in the leg. The other officer returned fire hitting the man. The man, now disarmed, ran a short distance on Southern Avenue and was taken into custody by arriving officers.

Officers provided first aid to the injured officer, who was transported by Phoenix Fire to a local hospital in serious but stable condition. Officers also provided medical aid to the suspect, who was transported to a hospital by Phoenix Fire. The suspect later died as a result of his injuries.

“This is indicative of the violence officers face every day protecting our community,” said Interim Phoenix Police Chief Michael Sullivan.

This is the ninth officer involved shooting of 2024.

There have been eight incidents where officers have been directly fired on. Three of those have resulted in officers being shot in the line of duty.

No other officers or community members were injured as a result of this incident. Additional details about this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Mayra Reeson
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