



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



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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** October 13, 2024, around 8:15 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2024-1512288  
**Location:** 9900 West Thunderbird Boulevard  
**Victim:** Johnny Grammatico, 45-year-old adult Male, deceased  
**Suspect:** Alberto Espinoza, 28-year-old adult male, deceased  
**Officer:** Officer Travis Funston #10157

**UPDATE: October 14, 2024**

The suspect in this case has been identified as 28-year-old Alberto Espinoza. The victim of the homicide that took place at 13900 N 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been identified as 45-year-old Johnny Grammatico.

The scene at 13900 N 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue was processed, witnesses were interviewed, and a neighborhood canvass was completed. Video surveillance revealed a subject in a silver sedan parked near the U-Haul occupied by Johnny Grammatico and approached on foot. After a short interaction, the suspect returned to his vehicle and left the area. Based on witness interviews and video surveillance, the suspect vehicle remained in the area for over an hour until officers arrived. During the officer involved shooting investigation, detectives located at least one item believed to be tied to the victim Johnny. The investigation is ongoing, investigators are working to establish further ties between the related investigations.

*Sergeant Mayra Reeson*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

## **Officer Involved Shooting**

(October 13, 2024) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that happened early Sunday morning near 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Thunderbird Boulevard.

On October 13, 2024, at approximately 8:00 a.m., officers responded to the area of 4900 W Thunderbird Road for a call of a shooting. The caller said someone was shot in a vehicle and the suspect was in a gray car still in the area. When officers arrived on scene, they were directed by a witness to a man entering a grey Nissan vehicle. Officers attempted to stop the man, who began driving away slowly but failed to stop. The vehicle fled westbound on Thunderbird Road, and a pursuit was declared. The Air Unit assisted with the pursuit, which ended in the area of 9900 West

Thunderbird Boulevard. The man parked the Nissan in the drive-through of a business and began walking away. Officers pulled their patrol vehicle behind the man and began giving commands then the man retrieved a firearm from his person and pointed it at both officers, resulting in one of the officers firing his duty weapon and the man shooting himself.

Officers moved in and rendered aid until Peoria Fire arrived on the scene and took over lifesaving measures. The man was transported to a local hospital, where he later died as a result of his injuries.

Other officers who additionally responded to the original shooting investigation located an adult male with at least one gunshot wound. The man was pronounced deceased on the scene.

No other officers or community members were injured as a result of this incident. The handgun fired by the suspect was located at the scene. Additional details about this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation.

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