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Construction workers help Officer subdue erratic subject

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On the morning of August 7, 2018, a certified reserve police officer for the Surprise Police Department was assisting with traffic at a construction site near 7200 W. Bell Road. Just after 9:00 A.M. that morning, a male subject walked up to the construction site and sat in one of the chairs belonging to the employees working on the roadway. As the workers noticed the male subject sitting in the chair, they provided him with water under the assumption that he was possibly homeless and needed their assistance.

Witnesses on scene stated that the subject, later identified as Dieter Klofkorn, sat in the chair for a moment and then suddenly stood up and began running at the uniformed Surprise Police reserve officer who was a short distance away. Upon reaching the officer's location, Mr. Klofkorn impacted the officer at which time the officer felt him grab for his duty weapon located on his belt. Witnessing what was taking place, workers at the construction site immediately helped the officer by tackling Mr. Klofkorn and restraining him on the ground. One of the workers had duct tape with him and used the tape as a restraint until officers with the Glendale Police Department arrived and were able to assist handcuffing him.

Mr. Klofkorn was arrested on an aggravated assault charge and booked into the Maricopa County Jail. Upon questioning Mr. Klofkorn as to why he tried to take the officer's gun he said, "because I wanted it" and "because it's cool".

This is a great example of the community coming to the aid of an officer and safely ending such a volatile situation. No injuries were sustained by the reserve officer or any of the parties involved.

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Klofkorn, Dieter (29yo)

