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Glendale Police Officer Involved Shooting 5100 N. 59th Avenue

Glendale, Ariz. – On Saturday July 28, 2012 at about 3:30 pm Glendale Officer Justin Penrose made contact with the occupants of a red Mercury Grand Marquis in the Jack-in-The-Box parking lot at 59th Avenue and Colter , after the driver, 38 yr old Kenneth Girardot (DOB 10/5/73) , attempted to avoid contact with the officer moments prior near 59th and Camelback Rd. After getting basic information from the Girardot and his passenger, 39 yr old Raymond Flores (DOB 9/27/72), the officer performed a computer inquiry on the vehicle and both occupants. The computer inquiry revealed that the vehicle was stolen at which point Officer Penrose requested back up.

As the backup officer was arriving on scene, Girardot put the stolen vehicle in gear and began aggressively trying to go forward and backward to get out of the parking space. Officer Penrose began yelling at Girardot in an attempt to get him to stop his actions. Within moments Girardot had the Mercury 4dr pointed straight at Officer Penrose and in motion traveling towards him. Officer Penrose drew his service weapon and fired striking Girardot.

Arriving officers attempted to render aid to Girardot as other officers took his passenger Flores into custody. Girardot died on scene as a result of his injuries. Raymond Flores had warrants for his arrest and was booked after being interviewed by investigators. The vehicle involved had been stolen out of Mesa about one month ago. Officer Justin Penrose is a 6 yr veteran of the Glendale Police Department as has 8 yrs prior service as an officer in the state of Ohio. Office Penrose is on paid administrative leave as is standard in officer involved shootings.



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