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## Glendale Police Investigate Officer Involved Shooting

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On Thursday, April 20, 2017, a Fugitive Task Force based in the East Valley, comprised of both local and federal agencies, was attempting to apprehend an armed and dangerous felony subject for multiple felony counts. The Chandler Police Department had contacted the Fugitive Task Force in reference to a case which included kidnapping, domestic violence aggravated assault, aggravated assault, and felony warrants. The Fugitive Task Force was comprised of officers from the U.S. Marshals Service, Pinal County Sheriff's Office, Mesa Police Department, Chandler Police Department, and Tempe Police Department. The Fugitive Task Force located the male suspect near 5200 W. Northern Ave. The male has been identified as 25-year-old Brandon Pequeno.

At approximately 6:52PM, the Glendale Police Department was called to assume the investigation of the officer involved shooting at 5200 W. Northern Ave. which involved members of the Fugitive Task Force. The Fugitive Task Force was attempting to apprehend Pequeno, who was believed to be driving a stolen vehicle. Pequeno began ramming other vehicles in an attempt to flee and he did not comply with the officers' commands. Three members of the Fugitive Task Force, from the Mesa Police Department, fearing for their lives, responded with lethal force by firing their duty weapons. No officers or citizens were harmed during this incident. Two other individuals were also inside the vehicle with Pequeno. Both Pequeno and a 17-year-old juvenile female were treated on scene for injuries sustained from gunshot wounds. The two were then transported to a local valley hospital with life-threatening injuries. The third subject, a 25-year-old male, did not sustain any injuries and was transported to the police station for interview.

Pequeno succumbed to his wounds and was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The female juvenile remains in critical condition at this time. It is unknown the exact relationship of the three individuals. The investigation is still ongoing.

Below a photograph of Brandon Pequeno has been attached.

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*\*Spanish translation available*

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