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## Glendale Police Involved in Shooting

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On January 20, 2017 at 8:55 AM, Officer Anthony Cano was working patrol in the area of 6800 N 61 Avenue, where he observed a suspicious vehicle parked on the roadway that appeared to be involved in an accident. As Officer Anthony Cano approached the vehicle, he observed a sole occupant lying inside the vehicle. The occupant was later identified as 29 year old male, Abel Rodriguez. Upon making contact, Abel Rodriguez produced a firearm he had concealed under his shirt and then fired shots at Officer Anthony Cano. Officer Anthony Cano was not struck; however, he did return fire, striking Abel Rodriguez.

Once struck, responding Glendale officers assisted Abel Rodriguez by moving him to a location where he was treated by the Glendale Fire Department. Abel Rodriguez was transported to a local hospital with non-lethal gunshot wounds.

Investigators determined that Abel Rodriguez initially fired at Officer Anthony Cano before he was able to return fire. Abel Rodriguez exited the vehicle through the front passenger door and was able to fire more rounds at Officer Anthony Cano. Officer Cano was able to return fire, firing at Abel Rodriguez.

Officer Anthony Cano is a 13 year veteran of the Glendale Police Department. We are grateful he was not injured during the incident. We are also grateful no one else was injured during this incident.

Upon his release, Abel Rodriguez will be charged with appropriate felony charges.

Photographs of Officer Anthony Cano and Abel Rodriguez are included below.

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*\*Spanish translation available*

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