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Glendale Police Involved in an Officer Involved Shooting

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On Tuesday July 31, 2018, the U. S. Marshals Violent Offender Task Force was searching for a 23-year-old white male identified as Skyler Martin who had walked away from a supervised off-site Arizona Department of Corrections (AZDOC) work crew. Martin went missing from a work site at the Maricopa County Animal Shelter in February of 2018. Officers with the U.S. Marshals Violent Offender Task Force were able to locate Martin at a residence near 2700 E. Baseline Road within the City of Phoenix.

At approximately 5:26 P.M. on Tuesday night, Martin was observed by officers fleeing out the back door of a residence and climbing over the backyard wall onto the southside of Baseline Road. A uniformed Glendale Police K-9 Officer and his K-9 partner were holding positions on the other side of the wall and made contact with Martin. Once coming over the wall, Martin was discovered to be in possession of a firearm. Martin then fired the weapon at the Glendale Officer and his K-9 partner. In response, the Glendale Police Officer discharged his duty weapon striking Martin. No officers or bystanders were injured during this incident. Unfortunately, the Glendale Police K9 was struck during the exchange of gunfire and taken to a local valley animal hospital. Skyler Martin did receive life threatening injuries and the Phoenix Fire Department responded to provide emergency medical aid. Despite efforts of first responders, Martin did not survive his injuries.

Phoenix Police Department responded and will be the investigating agency with cooperation from the Glendale Police Department and the U.S. Marshals.

Skyler Martin was sentenced to AZDOC on 04/07/2017 for 7.5 years on an Aggravated DUI conviction. He was assigned to an outside work crew at the Maricopa County Animal shelter located at 2500 S. 27th Ave, Phoenix, when he walked away between 0930-1030 hours, 02/08/18. His orange AZDOC clothing was located on scene.

Martin's prior criminal history on file consists of arrests and previous probation convictions of theft, burglary 3rd degree, marijuana violation, narcotic drug violation, drug paraphernalia violation, assault, escape 2nd degree, vehicle theft, and promoting prison contraband. Currently he was only serving a sentence with AZDOC for Aggravated DUI.

The Glendale K9 is currently in stable condition and reports look encouraging for a full recovery. The Glendale Police K9 is a six-year-old Belgian Malinois who has been with the Glendale Police Department for four years. This is yet another example of the selfless and brave actions of our police K9 partners and the unwavering dedication to their handler. There is no stronger bond.

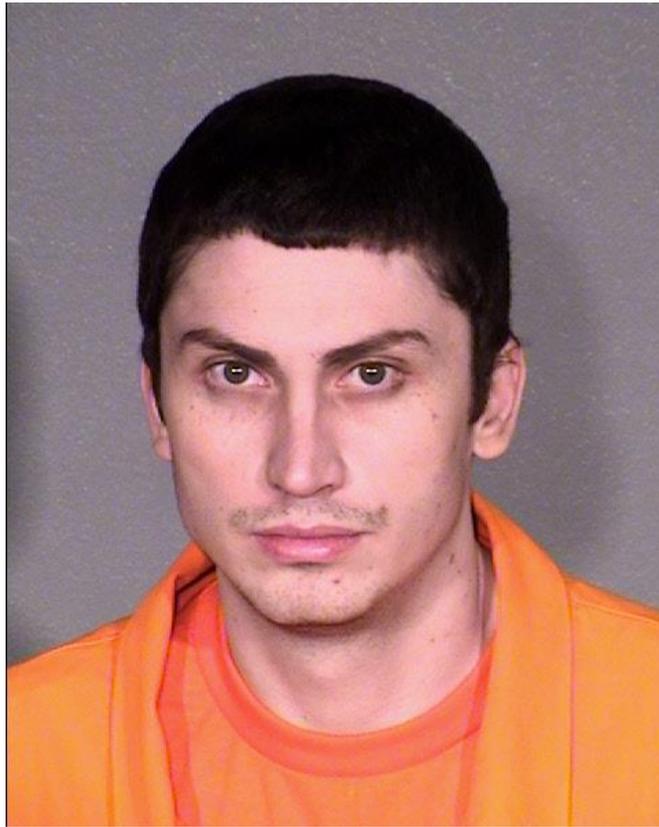
The identity of the Glendale Officer and Glendale K9 are not being released at this time so the investigation and recovery can continue. Their identities will be released at a later date.

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**Spanish translation available*

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Inmate Skyler B. Martin, ADC #317952