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Glendale Police Officer Involved Shooting

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Just before 10am on Thursday, February 6th, 2014, Glendale Police Detectives and two U.S. Marshals, as part of a Wanted Fugitive Task Force were attempting to contact a suspect with an outstanding felony warrant. The suspect was also currently under investigation by Glendale Police Fraud and Forgery Detectives for a separate case. The Task Force attempted to contact the 43 year old suspect in a blue pickup truck in a business complex parking lot in the area of 59th and Thunderbird. In an attempt to apprehend the suspect, Task Force Detectives surrounded the suspect's vehicle. At some point during the contact, Task Force Detectives on foot and in vehicles identified themselves as police and began addressing the suspect. The suspect then began aggressively driving the vehicle in the direction of Task Force Detectives and ramming his vehicle into the Detective's vehicles. Fearing for their lives, more than one Task Force Detective discharged their firearms at the threat coming at them striking the suspect.

The 43 year old suspect was transported to a local valley hospital with life threatening injuries where he was later declared deceased. His name will not be released until notifications have been completed. No Task Force Detectives or citizens were injured during this incident.

Glendale Police Violent Crimes Detectives assumed the investigation. At this time, the investigation has revealed that only one Glendale Police Task Force Detective fired their weapon. The involved Glendale Detective will be put on paid administrative leave as is standard in any officer involved shooting. Per Federal Agency protocol, Violent Crimes Detectives will not be allowed to interview the involved U.S. Marshals until Monday of next week. The Glendale Police Department will not be able to confirm the actual number of shooters until those interviews are completed. Once interviews are completed next week, we will provide further details reference the shooting. The investigation remains ongoing.

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