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Glendale Police Officer Involved Shooting

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On February 23rd, 2015, at approximately 10:30pm, Glendale Police were dispatched to a call of an unknown trouble at an apartment complex in the 8500 block of North 59th Avenue. Call information alerted the responding officers that individuals at this location may be armed. Upon arrival, the investigation revealed one of the 911 callers had filed a police report earlier in the evening of theft of several items to include jewelry and electronics. The subject was known to the victim and was named in the police report. Later in the evening, the victim reported he observed an uninvolved teenager in the complex in possession of property that was allegedly taken, and the victim also believed the named subject allegedly responsible for the theft was in the complex. The victim called police for assistance.

A uniformed patrol officer arrived on scene at the complex. While the officer was speaking with the victim and two acquaintances at the apartment complex, the subject in question exited a nearby apartment. The victim and witnesses identified the subject to the officer as the suspect responsible for the theft. The suspect immediately fled on foot through the complex into a dark field on the west side of North 61st Avenue. The responding officer got into his patrol vehicle, activated the overhead emergency lights and attempted to locate the suspect in the direction he fled. The victim and witnesses also attempted to follow after the suspect on foot and in their own vehicles. They all lost visual sight of the suspect who was believed to be hiding in the dark field, adjacent to the west side of the roadway.

As the officer was standing near his patrol vehicle, calling out a perimeter over the police radio for responding officers to help locate the suspect, one of the witnesses observed the suspect hiding in an irrigation ditch in the grassy field. The witness pointed the suspect out to the officer. The suspect made an abrupt movement upward from the irrigation ditch he was hiding in and made a motion towards the officer from his midsection with an object in his hand. The officer perceived the object to be a weapon, and fearing for his life, fired one shot from his duty weapon, striking the suspect in his lower extremities. During the contact, the officer identified himself as an officer and also gave verbal commands to the suspect. The suspect was treated for his injury at the scene by Glendale Fire and transported to a local valley hospital with a non-life threatening injury. No Glendale Police Officers were injured during this incident.

Glendale Police Investigators assumed the investigation. During the processing of the scene, no weapon was located. A cell phone was located lying next to the suspect after the shooting. During interviews, the suspect acknowledged police presence and acknowledged police were trying to locate him. The suspect also made admissions to investigators he had a cell phone in his hand at some point during the contact with police while in the irrigation ditch. Independent witnesses on the scene that observed the sequence of events, including the shooting, corroborated the officer's statements reference movements made by the suspect and the issuance of verbal commands by the officer to the suspect. No arrests have been made. Charges are being reviewed, and the theft investigation remains ongoing.

The subject struck by gunfire during the shooting was 23 year old Glendale resident, Anthony Tyrone Baker. Anthony was in possession of an Oregon identification card. The involved Glendale Police Officer, Baldomero Dumlao, will be placed on paid administrative leave as is standard in any officer involved shooting. He is a 14 year veteran police officer and field training officer assigned to the Foothills Patrol Division. See attached photo.

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