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Glendale Police Provide Update on Officer Involved Shooting from June 20, 2013

Glendale, Ariz. – The Glendale Police Department continues to thank those who have extended support to Officer Wes Zygmunt, who was wounded in the line-of-duty last Thursday, June 20th as well as those who have offered condolences to his K9 partner Ronin, who was killed during the confrontation. Officer Zygmunt continues to recover at home and is expected to make a full recovery and return to full duty, although that exact timeline is unknown. Out of respect for the on-going recovery process we will respectfully continue to decline interviews with any of the officers involved.

While the investigation is still on-going, additional details of the events leading up to the shooting have been discovered by Glendale Police Detectives. Detectives now believe that Jourdan Akili Wagner had arrived at the shopping plaza located at the intersection of 51st Avenue & Orangewood Avenue driving a pick-up truck that was reported stolen in a car-jacking approximately 3 hours prior in the area of 8300 W. Coolidge in Phoenix. Wagner entered the Circle K where a Glendale Police officer, who was unaware of the stolen truck, attempted to contact him. Wagner immediately fled on foot which eventually led to the shooting involving Glendale Police Officers. Detectives have also learned that they believe the gun that Wagner produced and fired at officers was previously stolen from an individual in Phoenix.

Evidence has led detectives to further believe that the fatal shot that struck the Glendale Police K9 Ronin was **not** fired from any officers' weapons. Arrangements for a public memorial for Ronin are still underway. Details of the memorial will most likely not be released for several more weeks.

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