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Glendale Police Recognize Citizen Who Assisted Police

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The Glendale Police Department and Discount Tire will be recognizing Mr. Reginald Lee, a Tolleson resident, in a small ceremony at the Glendale Police Gateway Substation, located 6261 N. 83rd Avenue on Tuesday, July 22nd at 1:30 PM.

At approximately 7:00 AM on July 3rd, 2014, Glendale Police Officers responded to a call in the 6800 block of N. 59th Drive regarding a trespassing. Upon arrival, officers contacted the suspect, 34 year-old Albert Vasquez, who had forced entry into an unoccupied apartment and was refusing to leave after being asked by the resident. Officers made contact with Vasquez who initially refused to cooperate and brandished a screwdriver toward one of the officers. Vasquez then fled on foot with officers giving chase, fleeing across busy streets in an attempt to avoid capture. Observing the fleeing suspect and responding officers, Mr. Reginald Lee, who was driving in the area, pulled over to assist. Mr. Lee exited his car and was able to detain Vasquez, who continued to physically resist officers and Mr. Lee. Vasquez was eventually taken into custody and booked into the Glendale City Jail.

Without the assistance of Mr. Lee, officers noted that Vasquez may have likely escaped. Officers also noted that Mr. Lee continued to assist even as Vasquez physically resisted arrest, preventing potential injury to officers or Vasquez.

In pulling his vehicle over to assist Glendale Police Officers, Mr. Lee was concentrating on the fleeing suspect and he struck a curb and damaged his tire. The Glendale Police Department has partnered with Discount Tire to provide Mr. Lee a certificate to assist him in replacing a tire in the future and the

Glendale Police Department will be recognizing Mr. Lee for his selfless service and assistance to our Department and community.

The incident of Mr. Lee detaining Vasquez was also captured on Glendale Police Department in-car video and copies will be distributed to media outlets in attendance.

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**Spanish translation available*

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