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Glendale Police Release Names of Officers and K9 From Officer Involved Shooting

Glendale, Ariz. - The Glendale Police Department is releasing the names of the three Glendale Police Officers and the police K9 involved in the officer involved shooting incident that occurred at a residence in the 5100 block of Morton Avenue on Thursday, June 20th, 2013. The two Glendale Police Officers who discharged their firearms at the scene when faced with a deadly threat were Officer Kevin Robertson, an eight year veteran officer, and Officer Jason Chambers, a seven year veteran officer with the Glendale Police Department. These two Glendale Officers are on paid administrative leave for a few days, as is standard practice in officer involved shooting situations.

The Glendale Police K9 Officer that deployed his K9 partner in an attempt to apprehend the suspect on scene was Officer Wes Zygmunt and his police K9 partner Ronin. Officer Zygmunt was wounded as officers exchanged gunfire with the suspect. Officer Zygmunt is still being treated at a local valley hospital for non life threatening injuries. He is surrounded by his family, fellow officers and friends. Glendale Police Chief Debora Black spent a large portion of the evening last night with Officer Zygmunt and his family and has visited him today at the hospital. She provided the following statement:

“Officer Zygmunt is in good spirits, and we are hopeful for a full recovery from his injuries. He is deeply saddened by the loss of his K9 partner Ronin. Our Glendale PD family will remain by his side through these first difficult days and throughout his recovery. We are humbled and appreciative of all the support we have received from the community and our law enforcement family.”

K9 Officer Wes Zygmunt is a 13 year veteran officer with the Glendale Police Department. His K9 partner Ronin was the Glendale Police Departments newest K9. He was twenty-three months old and served the department for only three short months. He is a Holland born Belgian Malinois. Ronin's valiant efforts protecting the lives of Glendale Officers and Glendale citizens during this violent incident will not be forgotten.

A memorial service for Ronin is yet to be determined. We will notify the media when that information becomes available. See attached photos of Glendale Police Officers Zygmunt, Chambers, and Robertson as well as Glendale Police K9 Ronin.

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**Spanish translation available if needed*

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is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve.”*

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Jason Chambers







Kevin Robertson