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## Glendale Police Release Officer's Name in Officer Involved Shooting

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – On Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, a just after 9pm, Glendale Police received a call of a subject with a gun at the Wells Fargo Bank in the 6700 block of W. Bell Road. The investigation revealed a female subject was at the drive thru ATM in her vehicle when an unknown adult male subject directly behind her in his white pickup truck began yelling profanities at her and honking his horn. She pulled forward and began to exit her vehicle when the subject displayed a handgun, pointed it at her and verbally threatened her. She got back in her vehicle and immediately called police. The subject fled the scene in his truck. The female and a relative with her were able to get the license plate number on the truck and provided police with a description of the subject and the vehicle. The license plate information returned back to a residence in the 6600 block of W. Christy Drive. Shortly after receiving the information, a patrol officer in the area observed the vehicle in the driveway of the residence and a subject matching the description provided near the vehicle.

While requesting additional assistance, the officer contacted and addressed the subject near his pickup truck, giving him commands. The subject was noncompliant and told the officer he had a gun. The officer radioed for help and continued to give commands as he deployed his Taser which was ineffective on the subject. The subject continued to be noncompliant and began to reach for his waistband. The officer perceived a deadly threat and fearing for his life fired his weapon striking the suspect. The suspect was found to be armed with a gun on his person. The adult male suspect, identified as 63 year old Joseph Tassinari of Glendale, was treated

and declared deceased at the scene by Glendale Fire. No officers or citizens were harmed during this incident.

The involved Glendale Police Officer, Jacob Martinson, was placed on paid administrative leave as is standard in any officer involved shooting. He is an 11 year veteran police officer and field training officer assigned to the Foothills Patrol Division. See attached photo.

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