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Update – Shooting Involving Glendale Police Officers Thursday June 20th

Glendale, Ariz. – On Thursday, June 20th, 2013 at approximately 6:45pm, Glendale Police Officers responded to a trespassing and subject making threats call for service in a business complex located in the 5100 block of Orangewood Avenue. A business representative in the complex was requesting a disorderly subject be trespassed from the property. When the first officer arrived on scene, he contacted the adult male subject in a local convenience store at the location of the call and asked the subject to step outside. Once outside, the subject involved immediately fled on foot from the officer jumping a wall into the adjacent neighborhood. A foot pursuit was initiated and additional officers to include K9 officers responded to the scene and established a perimeter to search for the subject.

The male subject was observed jumping walls through several residential backyards. Witnesses reported the subject was armed with a handgun and was threatening citizens with the weapon as ran through the neighborhood. At one point the subject pointed a firearm at a homeowner attempting to get into the homeowner's residence. The homeowner retreated into the residence, and the subject continued to flee from police eventually jumping a wall into a backyard of a residence in the 5100 block of Morton Avenue. With the help of a citizen, officers located the backyard they believed the subject was in. Glendale Officers to include a K9 Officer and his K9 Dog partner searched the backyard and located the subject hiding under a trampoline. Numerous verbal commands were given to the subject without compliance. A Glendale Police K9 Dog was deployed in an attempt to apprehend the subject. When the K9 engaged the subject, the subject produced a firearm. Officers responded to the deadly threat and gunfire was exchanged. During the confrontation, the K9 Officer and his K9 Dog as well as the subject were struck by gunfire.

The male subject injured by gunfire was treated at the scene and transported to a local valley hospital with life threatening injuries where he was pronounced deceased. The Glendale Police K9 Officer was transported to a local hospital with non life threatening injuries. The Glendale Police Department is happy to report our K9 Officer is currently in stable condition in the hospital, in good spirits and recovering from his injuries. However, with heavy hearts the Glendale Police Department is sad to report that the officer's K9 Dog partner died overnight as a result of his injuries. No other officers or citizens were injured during this incident.

Names and photos of the involved Glendale Police Officers, to include the Glendale Police K9 Officer and his K9 Dog partner will be released later today. Once notifications are complete, a photo and the name of the suspect will also be released.

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**Spanish translation available if needed*

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