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Update – Glendale Police Officer Involved Shooting

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On Tuesday May 10, 2011 just after 11:30 am Glendale Police Neighborhood Response Squad Officers Eric Hardt, a 7 yr veteran and Kory Rafferty, a 5 yr veteran attempted to stop 28 yr old Michael Palomino Jr, who was on a bicycle in the area of 53rd Avenue and Glenn Drive. Palomino Jr. ran from the officers who gave chase on foot. As Officer Hardt was close to apprehending Palomino Jr. in the front yard of a residence, Officer Rafferty saw Palomino Jr. produce a handgun and point it at Officer Hardt. Officer Rafferty fired his service weapon in defense of he and his partner to stop the threat; Palomino Jr. died as a result of his injuries.

Michael Palomino Jr. is the son of Glendale Police Sergeant Mike Palomino Sr. Michael Jr. has had a troubled past to include time spent in prison as well as a current probation status. The Glendale Police Department’s Critical Incident Stress Management Team are working with all Officers involved. Officer Eric Hardt is currently recovering from an injury sustained during the event.

Part of the responsibilities of the Neighborhood Response Squad is to focus on high crime areas and help solve local neighborhood crime issues.

Attached are the photos of the two officers involved. ###

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Eric Hardt



Kory Rafferty