



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 25, 2025, around 2:30 p.m.
Incident: 2025-770761
Location: 2500 East Cactus Road
Suspect: Sam Perone, 46-year-old, booked into MCSO G181664
Officer: Officer Michael Ugalde-Flores #11219

UPDATE: May 26, 2025

Detectives have booked 46-year-old Sam Perone into jail after he was medically discharged from the hospital Monday afternoon. Perone was booked for felony aggravated assault on a police officer under MCSO booking number G181664.

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Officer Involved Shooting

(May 25, 2025) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that took place Sunday afternoon near 2500 East Cactus Road.

On May 25, 2025, at about 2:30 p.m., a patrol officer assigned to the Desert Horizon Precinct saw a man driving a car on Cactus Road who violated a traffic law. The officer conducted a traffic stop and the driver pulled over near 25th Place and Cactus Road. Before the officer could park his patrol car the man got out of his vehicle and began arguing with the officer. The officer requested the man's drivers license and attempted to explain the reason for the stop. The man was not compliant and continued to argue with the officer. The driver escalated his verbal aggression toward the officer and began to physically assault him.

During the fight, a witness stopped to help the officer by trying to pull the man away. As the fight continued, the driver attempted to grab the officer's gun from its holster. The officer unholstered his weapon and fired one round striking the man in the lower extremity. Additional officers got to the scene and applied a tourniquet to the man. Phoenix Fire responded and took him to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The officer involved in this critical incident was also taken to the hospital and treated for his injuries. He has since been released.

Detectives have taken over the investigation. This area will be shut down for an extended period of time as the scene investigation is conducted. This incident is part of our 14-day Transparency Policy. Updates to this case can be found in the related Critical Incident Briefing to be released within that time frame.

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