



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



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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Date/Time:** May 30, 2025, around 1:15 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2025-796472  
**Location:** 1800 West Southern Avenue  
**Victim:** Phoenix Police Officer  
**Suspect:** Joseph Huggins, 51-year-old male, MCSO Booking# G182762

### **UPDATE: May 31, 2025**

Earlier this afternoon, the Phoenix officer from yesterday's incident was released from the hospital and is currently recovering at home. The Department is grateful for all the outpouring of support and words of encouragement for our officer.

The suspect in this case has been identified as 51-year-old Joseph Huggins. Huggins was taken into custody with the use of a less-lethal tool a few blocks away from where the incident occurred. He was taken to the hospital where he was medically cleared and booked into jail. Huggins' charges include aggravated assault and disorderly conduct due to yesterday's events. He is currently being held on a \$100,000 bond.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

### **Officer Hospitalized After Assault in South Phoenix**

(May 30, 2025) A six-year veteran of the Phoenix Police Department is recovering at the hospital after being assaulted outside a business in south Phoenix.

At about 1:15 p.m., an officer from South Mountain Precinct responded to a fight call at a business near 1800 West Southern Avenue. When the officer got to the scene, she located an adult male that matched the description of the man who was reported to be hitting the front door of the business. While speaking with the man, he became uncooperative and tried to leave the area. The officer attempted to stop the man at which time he began to fight the officer. During the fight, the man struck the officer in the face causing her to fall to the ground. It was at this time that the man left the area. A witness called into 9-1-1 to report the injured officer and the direction the man was seen walking.

Additional officers responded and searched the area locating the man nearby. He was arrested without incident and later booked into jail. Phoenix fire department responded and took the officer to the hospital with serious injuries consisting of a broken nose and a broken ankle. She was admitted to the hospital for continued care.

*Sergeant Brian Bower*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

