



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: June 7, 2025, just before 4:30 p.m.
Incident: 2025-839020
Location: 4800 West McDowell Road
Suspect: Eddy Ortega Romero, 28-year old, booked #G187544
Officer: Officer Jordan Sterr #10660

UPDATE: JUNE 23, 2025

The suspect in this incident has been identified as Eddy Ortega Romero. He has been discharged from the hospital and has been booked in the Maricopa County Jail.

Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez
Public Affairs Bureau

Armed Robbery Suspect in Custody

(June 7, 2025): An armed robbery suspect is in the hospital after officers used a patrol vehicle to prevent the man from pulling a gun on them.

On June 7, 2025, around 3:15 p.m., officers were called to an armed robbery at a hotel near 48th Avenue and McDowell Road. When officers arrived, they were told by witnesses the suspect robbed a woman's purse and left eastbound on foot, armed with a handgun. Officers were provided a thorough description of the suspect and patrol units checked the area for anyone matching the description.

Approximately an hour later, officers found a man matching the description, in possession of the stolen purse, at a gas station at 43rd Avenue and McDowell Road. Officers called for backup, but the man spotted the officers before backup officers arrived. The man briefly entered a business and then came outside a few moments later. Officers activated their lights and siren in a parking lot to get the man to stop. The man continued and ran onto McDowell Road. As the officers followed in their patrol vehicle, the man reached toward his waistband where officers saw a handgun. The officer driving the patrol vehicle responded by hitting the man with the patrol car. After the collision, officers moved in to arrest the man. A handgun was removed from the suspect's waistband.

The fire department responded to treat the man for injuries suffered after getting run over by one of the patrol vehicle's tires. He was taken to the hospital where he is being treated for non-life-

threatening injuries. Once released from the hospital, the man will be booked for multiple felonies including armed robbery, aggravated assault against a police officer and weapons violations. Updates to this incident can be found in the related Critical Incident Briefing to be released within 14-days.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
Public Affairs Bureau

