



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 19, 2025, at about 1:43 a.m.
Incident: 2025-255668
Location: 6600 South 16th Avenue
Suspect: Dominic Gracia, 31-years-old, deceased
Officer: Officer Luis Vasquez Jr. #10466
Officer: Officer Jared Brown #10209

UPDATE: February 25, 2025

The suspect involved in this case has been identified as 31-year-old Dominic Gracia.

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Officer Involved Shooting

(February 19, 2025) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting near 6600 South 16th Avenue.

On February 19, 2025, at about 12:35 a.m., an officer assigned to the South Mountain Precinct was patrolling the neighborhood of 16th Avenue and Atlanta Street in south Phoenix when he saw a red colored truck speeding in the area. The officer followed the vehicle into the neighborhood of 16th Avenue and St Anne Avenue when he attempted to stop the truck. The male driver got out of the truck and ran into the neighborhood leaving the truck in drive as it pulled forward towards a house. The officer got out of the patrol car and ensured the truck stopped without hitting any property. He then began establishing perimeter spots for responding officers.

After a perimeter was established, K-9 officers began a systematic search of the neighborhood. As the search team began to check a house in the area of 6600 South 16th Avenue, they were alerted to the large recycling bin on the side of the house. Officers confirmed the presence of a person inside the bin and started to negotiate with the man. During negotiations, the man did not comply with officers' commands and less lethal pepper balls along with a 40 mm less-lethal launcher was used. The man produced a handgun and fired it resulting in officers' response with gunfire.

Phoenix Fire responded to the scene and pronounced the man deceased. No officers or community members were injured during this incident.

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