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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING 4750 SOUTH CAMPBELL AVENUE

*****UPDATE – DECEMBER 2, 2016*****

The Tucson Police Department would like to provide a brief update on the condition of both Officer Doug Wilfert and Officer Jorge “George” Tequida following yesterday’s officer involved shooting in Operations Division South.

Officer Wilfert is doing well and is in good spirits. The Wilfert family would like to acknowledge the outpouring of support they have received from the community and the department. They are asking for no visitors at this time while Officer Wilfert continues to rest and heal.

Officer Tequida continues to make progress and he remains in a stable, but critical condition at this time. He is surrounded by his family, Tucson Police Department members and the outstanding medical staff at Banner University Medical Center. It is important that we continue to respect the privacy of the Tequida family and the Intensive Care Unit at Banner UMC.

We have received multiple requests asking where the community can send cards and letters to the officers. Any mail can be sent to:

Tucson Police Department
Operations Division South
4410 S. Park Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85714

Department photographs of both officers are attached below, along with a recent mug shot of Jose N. Barron Gomez. Additional details will be released as they become available. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.

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Officer Doug Wilfert



Officer Jorge Tequida



Jose N. Barron Gomez

Sergeant Pete Dugan – December 2, 2016

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating an officer involved shooting that took place this morning on Tucson's south side.

On December 1, 2016, at approximately 7:00 a.m., Officer Doug Wilfert and Officer Jorge Tequida were searching for a wanted suspect at 4750 South Campbell Avenue. The suspect had an active felony arrest warrant for Aggravated Assault with a Dangerous Instrument. The officers were able to locate the suspect at a specific apartment in the complex. As they attempted to take the suspect into custody, gunfire was exchanged between the suspect and officers. During the incident,

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the suspect and both officers were struck by gunfire. Additional officers responded to the scene and began providing medical attention to the wounded officers and suspect utilizing their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK). Tucson Fire responded to the scene to continue medical treatment. Both officers were transported to Banner University Medical Center. The suspect was pronounced deceased on scene. He has been identified as 27-year-old Jose N. Barron Gomez. Next of kin have been notified.

Officer Wilfert received a gunshot wound to the leg. He is currently in good condition and has been released from the hospital. Officer Tequida received a gunshot wound to the shoulder. The round went through his arm and into his chest. He was immediately taken into surgery this morning and is currently in the Intensive Care Unit with serious injuries.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Section and the Office of Professional Standards responded to continue the investigation. The Violent Crimes Section is conducting a criminal investigation into the incident. Additionally, the Office of Professional Standards is conducting a separate and parallel administrative investigation to examine the actions of department personnel in response to this incident. This is standard protocol in all officer involved shootings.

Officer Wilfert is a 7-year veteran with the Tucson Police Department. Officer Tequida has been with the department for just under 4 years.

Additional information about this incident will be released as details become available.