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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING 5600 BLOCK OF EAST PIMA STREET

*****UPDATE – MARCH 16, 2016*****

As detectives continued their investigation into yesterday's officer involved shooting, they were able to determine that the handgun the suspect brandished was a BB gun. Photographs of the knife and gun are attached below. An independent witness saw the suspect holding a knife as police responded. A second independent witness saw the suspect pull out a gun as officers were speaking to him.

During the incident, two officers discharged their firearms; Officer Mark Molina, a 19 year veteran of the Tucson Police Department and Officer Gary Rosebeck, an 8 year veteran of the Tucson Police Department.

The suspect has been identified as 41-year-old Carlos Alegria. He was taken to a local area hospital yesterday and is still being treated. Upon release from the hospital, Mr. Alegria will be booked into Pima County Jail on Aggravated Assault charges reference his actions against the citizens and patrol officers.



Suspect's Knife



Suspect's Gun



Close-Up of Suspect's Gun

Sergeant Pete Dugan – March 16, 2016



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The Tucson Police Department is investigating an officer involved shooting that took place early this morning in the 5600 block of East Pima Street.

At 9:37 a.m., the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call reference a man with a knife who was threatening construction workers in the neighborhood. Four officers from Operations Division East responded to the scene and began looking for the suspect. An adult male matching the description was located in the area. The suspect was seen walking down the street with a knife in his hand. As officers approached and attempted to speak with him, the suspect pulled out a handgun. Moments later, shots were fired and the suspect was struck multiple times. Officers immediately began rendering first aid to the suspect using their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK). The suspect was then transported to a local area hospital and is in stable condition at this time. No officers were injured during the incident.

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.

Additional details will be released as they become available. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to call 911 or 88-CRIME.

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