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### OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING WEST AJO WAY AND SOUTH 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

On June 19, 2015, around 11:45 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a truck related to an ongoing felony investigation. The driver of the truck pulled into the parking lot of a business open to the public on the southwest corner of W. Ajo Way and S. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The driver then placed the truck in reverse and began backing quickly. The truck initially collided with several vehicles and rammed one occupied vehicle pushing it through the parking lot towards an exit. The driver continued with this vehicle until it struck another vehicle in the parking lot, dislodging it from the truck, and allowing the citizen to get away from the area. While this was occurring, officers from the original traffic stop were following the truck on foot. Recognizing the driver continued to pose a threat to the safety of the citizens in the area, at least three officers discharged their weapons in an attempt to stop the truck. However, the driver of the truck continued in reverse out of the parking lot and then drove eastbound on W. Ajo Way.

The driver traveled eastbound on W. Ajo Way until colliding with a vehicle at the intersection of S. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The driver continued eastbound on W. Ajo Way and officers followed. Another collision occurred at the intersection of S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and W. Ajo Way. At least nine vehicles, including a patrol vehicle, were involved in that collision. Officers were able to detain the driver. The driver was transported to a local area hospital and is currently listed in serious condition. Several citizens were transported to hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries related to the collisions. No officers or other citizens were injured during this incident.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit, Aggravated Assault Unit and the Office of Internal Affairs responded to continue the investigation. As is standard practice in all officer involved shootings, the Homicide Unit will conduct a criminal investigation into the incident. Additionally, the Office of Internal Affairs will conduct a separate and parallel administrative investigation to examine the actions of department personnel in response to this incident.

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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