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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING 800 BLOCK OF NORTH HAYDEN DRIVE

On November 5, 2011 at approximately 12:45 a.m., officers from the Tucson Police Department's Operations Division East encountered an adult male armed with a rifle at a residence in the 800 block of North Hayden Drive. The male was a suspect in an earlier domestic violence investigation who had fled from that scene before officers arrived. During the contact, the suspect pointed the rifle at officers, at least one of whom responded by firing an assigned patrol rifle at the suspect. The suspect, a 25-year old male, was struck at least once, was transported to a local trauma center, and is expected to survive his injuries.

Detectives from the Night Detective Unit, the Homicide Unit, and the Office of Internal Affairs responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Detectives have determined that on November 4, 2011 at approximately 10:45 p.m., a civilian Tucson Police Department Community Service Officer was contacted by an adult female at the Quick Trip at East Speedway Boulevard and North Magnolia Avenue. The woman advised that she and her 25-year old son had been in an argument at their nearby residence on Magnolia. The Community Service Officer called for police officers to assist and officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to continue the investigation. Officers found evidence of criminal damage at the residence on Magnolia, but the suspect had fled from the scene. An area search for him was unsuccessful.

At approximately midnight, the victim recontacted the department and advised that the suspect may be at his father's residence in the 800 block of North Hayden Drive. Two officers from Operations Division East responded to the residence in an attempt to locate him. Officers arrived at approximately 12:35 a.m. and encountered the suspect, who was uncooperative. The suspect threw a large rock out of a window at officers who were attempting to negotiate his surrender. Officers also observe a second adult male in the residence, later determined to be the suspect's father. At approximately 12:37 a.m., the victim again recontacted the department and advised that her son was possibly armed with a rifle. Additional officers began to respond to the scene to assist. At the same time that this information was being relayed to officers via radio, the suspect pointed a rifle at officers from inside the residence. The officers began to back away from the

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residence and set up containment positions around the residence. Three additional officers arrived to assist.

At approximately 12:45 a.m. the suspect pointed the rifle from the back yard at officers who were outside the residence and at least one officer, perceiving a lethal threat to himself and the other officers at the scene, fired at the suspect with his assigned patrol rifle. The suspect was struck at least once and ceased his aggressive action. Officers began rendering first aid until paramedics arrived and transported the male to a local trauma center.

The investigation is ongoing as detectives examine and collect evidence at the scene and interview witnesses and officers. The Homicide Unit will continue the criminal investigation. The Office of Internal Affairs will conduct a separate administrative investigation, examining the officer's actions in response to this incident. This type of post-shooting administrative review is standard protocol when an officer discharges their weapon in the line of duty, and is intended to determine whether department policies were followed, and if current training, equipment, supervision, and policies are adequate and appropriate.

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