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OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING EAST 22ND STREET AND SOUTH CRAYCROFT ROAD ***UPDATE – APRIL 18, 2012***

The deceased male suspect from this incident has been identified as **26-year old Colbe Kendrick**. Next of kin have been notified. Additionally, the investigation thus far has revealed that there is no evidence that Mr. Kendrick fired his weapon. Although, it has been confirmed that he was holding a handgun up as he advanced directly towards the officers, and he would not obey their numerous verbal commands to stop or drop the weapon. No additional information is available at this time.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – April 18, 2012

On the late afternoon of April 17, 2012, a group of bail bondsmen contacted the Tucson Police Department and asked for assistance with apprehending some wanted fugitives. The bail bondsmen had been conducting surveillance on the fugitives during the day and began to follow them as they drove through Tucson. The vehicle containing the wanted persons as well as several other individuals pulled into the parking lot on the southeastern quadrant of the intersection of East 22nd Street and South Craycroft Road at approximately 5:55 p.m. Immediately upon stopping, one of the male passengers exited the vehicle and began running southbound towards a nearby neighborhood. Officers from Operations Division East responded a short while later and initiated efforts to locate the male that had fled on foot. However, they were not successful in locating him at that time. The officers assisted the bail bondsmen with detaining the other occupants of the vehicle. The occupants included one adult female passenger, one adult male passenger, and one adult male driver.

Officers and bail bondsmen were still in the parking lot area when loss prevention personnel working for the Wal-Mart store at that location contacted them. They were advised that a male matching the description of the subject who ran from the vehicle was believed to be in the store. At one point, it was determined that the male was exiting the store from the rear, or southern exit doors. A group of officers quickly gathered to approach and search the parking lot area on the southern side of the Wal-Mart store. Once on the southern side of the store, they encountered a male, who was armed with a handgun. The officers gave the male repeated verbal commands to drop the weapon and obey their commands. However, the male did not comply. The preliminary investigation revealed that the male was holding the gun up and

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seemed to be advancing towards the officers. This caused one of the officers to utilize deadly force against the male, striking him at least one time.

Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded to the scene of the shooting. They transported the male to a local area hospital for further medical evaluation and treatment. The suspect succumbed to his injuries while at the hospital and was pronounced deceased. He has been described as a **26-year old Caucasian male**. Next of kin have not yet been notified.

The officer who discharged his weapon was Officer Jayson Thompson, a 12-year veteran of the Department. No other officers fired any other weapons. It has not yet been determined if the suspect fired his weapon. No other citizens or police personnel were injured or otherwise affected by the incident.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit, the Office of Internal Affairs, and the Night Detective Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Detectives collected and examined evidence from the scene. They interviewed witnesses as well as involved officers. As is standard practice in all officer-involved shooting incidents, the Homicide Unit will continue the criminal investigation. 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. This type of post-shooting administrative review is standard protocol when an officer discharges their weapon in the line of duty. The review is utilized to determine whether department policies were followed and if current training, equipment, supervision, and policies are adequate and appropriate.

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