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OTHER AGENCY ASSIST, OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING WEST AJO WAY AND SOUTH 16TH AVENUE

The Tucson Police Department received a request for assistance from agents working for Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) at approximately 4:13 p.m. on February 4, 2012. The agents indicated that they potentially needed back-up assistance for a traffic stop that they planned to initiate in the area of West Ajo Way and South 16th Avenue. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the area to assist the agents with their traffic stop. While the Tucson Police Department officers were arriving in the area, the vehicle that the HSI agents were focusing on began to move. The agents attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle. While doing so, some of the agents fired guns at the suspect vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop after striking a pole in the parking lot of the Santa Cruz Lanes bowling center located at 3665 South 16th Avenue. No agents, officers, suspects, or other persons were struck by gunfire.

At the request of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), detectives from the Tucson Police Department Homicide Unit responded to initiate an officer involved shooting investigation. Initial indications are that two HSI agents fired their weapons when the suspect presented them with a deadly threat. The investigation continues with respect to the totality of the circumstances surrounding the shooting, and further information will be released once it is available. The HSI investigation that the agents had initially been conducting will remain under their control.

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