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Update to Kidnapping Investigation Leads to Officer Involved Shooting

January 31, 2020

During the course of negotiations with Mr. Cocio, Officers noticed he had a firearm, which he refused to put down. At one point, he aimed the firearm at officers, presenting a deadly threat. Officers and Deputies were then involved in a shooting. The Deputies that fired their weapons during this incident include 19-year Deputy Gilbert Caudillo, 14-year Deputy David Hughes, 11-year Deputy Geoffrey Barber, and 8-year Deputy Alex Jansen.

A Tucson police department officer and a Marana police department officer also fired their weapons. Please check with their respective agencies for the names of those officers.

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January 29, 2019

On Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at about 5:00 a.m., Tucson Police Department Operations Division South Officers were dispatched to the 6500 Block of S. I-19 Frontage Road for a report of a kidnapping. Upon arrival, Tucson Police Department Officers were contacted by Deputies with the Pima County Sheriff's Department. Deputies had been contacted by a male that reported he was kidnapped earlier in the city limits of Tucson. Investigators with the Tucson Police Department's Narcotic & Violent Crimes Units responded to continue the investigation.

The victim informed police he was kidnapped from a residence within city limits, forced into his vehicle, and was driven around the city. The victim was eventually released west of the city in Pima County. After he was released, the victim was able to call for help and was located by Deputies with the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

At approximately 9 a.m., detectives were able to locate the victim's vehicle and followed it to a gas station located at 6225 W. Ajo Way. The stolen vehicle was followed by unmarked police vehicles. Once there, marked patrol units were requested

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to conduct a traffic stop with the stolen vehicle. Additional Officers and Deputies from the Pima County Sheriff's Department responded to assist.

The suspect, 39-year-old Robert Cocio, barricaded himself in the vehicle while officers attempted to communicate with him. Eventually, Officers and Deputies on scene were involved in a shooting. Lifesaving methods were immediately attempted, but Mr Cocio was pronounced deceased on-scene.

This investigation is still in its early stages and more information will be released as it is available. Anyone with information in regards to this incident is urged to call 9-1-1 or, if you wish to remain anonymous, 88-crime.



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