

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

5000 BLOCK OF WEST JEFFREY ROAD

On Tuesday, August 13, 2024, shortly after 10:00 a.m., deputies from the Pima County Sheriff's Department San Xavier District were dispatched to a residence in the 5000 block of West Jeffrey Road for a report of a domestic dispute. Deputies arrived at the residence and spoke with the victims of the incident, learning that the suspect, identified as 39-year-old Gabriel Angel Altamirano, had already left the area. During the initial investigation, deputies received information that the suspect may be armed with a firearm and was associated with a maroon 4-door sedan. Detectives from PCSD's Domestic Violence Unit were called to the scene while two deputies waited with the victims at the residence.

While waiting, the deputies on the scene noticed a possible suspect vehicle driving by the residence. The deputies quickly got into their patrol vehicles and began driving after the sedan. The suspect vehicle then accelerated, fleeing the area where it soon collided with another motorist near W. Jeffrey Rd. and S. Camino De Oeste. After the collision, Mr. Altamirano and another male began running from the vehicle, prompting a short foot pursuit through a large desert field. As the deputy gave chase, he gave several verbal commands to the suspects. One of the suspects emerged from a patch of shrubbery and shot at the deputy, striking him in the leg. The deputy was able to return fire with his department-issued firearm.

The second deputy on scene immediately rendered aid to the injured deputy and applied a tourniquet. Both suspects fled from the area, running in a northeast direction. The injured deputy sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to a local hospital.

After an extensive area search, one suspect who ran from the collision was located and detained. Mr. Altamirano, who has been identified as the suspect who shot at the deputy, was not located. No community members or other deputies were injured in this incident.

As detectives were canvassing the area, they learned that Mr. Altamirano had forced entry into multiple residences near the incident location while he was evading law enforcement. No injuries were reported in those burglaries.

The deputy who was struck and discharged his firearm has been identified as Deputy Augustine Gonzalez, a 29-year-veteran with the Pima County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Gonzalez has since been discharged from the hospital and is recovering at home with family.

Detectives from PCSD are investigating the domestic violence incident and the collision that preceded the deputy-involved shooting. Based on their investigation, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Mr. Altamirano for two counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, one count of 1st Degree Burglary, and one count of Domestic Violence Disorderly Conduct with a Weapon.

The Pima Regional Critical Incident Team (PRCIT) was activated to handle the criminal investigation of the deputy-involved shooting. The PRCIT is comprised of investigators from the Pima County Sheriff's Department, Tucson Police Department, Oro Valley Police Department,



PIMA REGIONAL CRITICAL INCIDENT TEAM



Marana Police Department, Pascua Yaqui Police Department, Sahuarita Police Department, the University of Arizona Police Department, Pima Community College Police Department, the South Tucson Police Department, and the Tucson Airport Authority Police Department. The PRCIT was created to have an independent law enforcement agency take the lead in criminal investigations of critical incidents involving member agencies.

As part of the PRCIT, the Tucson Police Department has been assigned primary responsibility for the criminal investigation of this deputy-involved shooting. Detectives from TPD obtained an arrest warrant for Mr. Altamirano for one count of Attempted 1st Degree Murder, one count of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, one count of Aggravated Assault, Temporary/Substantial Disfigurement, one count of 1st Degree Burglary, and one count of Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Prohibited Possessor.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department will conduct a separate administrative investigation regarding the deputy-involved shooting to examine the actions of their personnel. As is standard practice with all deputy-involved shootings, all findings will be presented to the Pima County Attorney's Office when the investigation is complete.

On Sunday, August 18, 2024, at approximately 2:40 a.m., deputies from the Pima County Sheriff's Department were flagged down in reference to a possible kidnapping in the area of W. Irvington Rd. and S. Midvale Park Rd. Additional information was obtained that the suspect in the reported kidnapping was Gabriel Angel Altamirano. Several resources from the Tucson Police Department and Pima County Sheriff's Department responded to the area and conducted an area search. After several hours, officers were able to locate Mr. Altamirano and take him into custody without further incident.

Mr. Altamirano was ultimately booked into the Pima County Jail on his arrest warrants. The possible kidnapping is currently under investigation by the Tucson Police Department, and additional charges may be added later for Mr. Altamirano.



Gabriel Angel Altamirano