

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

100 BLOCK OF EAST CONGRESS STREET



On July 19, 2026, at approximately 2:00 a.m., Tucson Police Department officers working patrol in the Downtown District immediately responded to gunfire they heard in the 100 block of East Congress Street. Officers quickly located multiple victims who sustained gunshot trauma. Simultaneously, a uniformed TPD officer located the suspected shooter running near Congress Street with a weapon. Numerous bystanders were in the immediate area and in the suspect's path. The officer gave the suspect commands to drop his weapon, but the suspect did not comply. The officer discharged his department-issued firearm, striking the suspect. Officers took the suspect into custody and began rendering first-aid. A total of nine victims were all treated on scene by officers and members from the Tucson Fire Department. All nine victims and the suspect were transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

Officers and detectives learned that the suspect was involved in a verbal confrontation on the sidewalk in the 100 block of East Congress Street. The confrontation resulted in the suspect firing a handgun multiple times, striking nine victims, all of whom are expected to survive.

The suspect has been identified as 21-year-old David Leroy French. Mr. French was booked into the Pima County Adult Detention Complex (PCADC), in absentia, for the following charges:

- 9 counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon
- 9 counts of Aggravated Assault Serious Injury
- 1 count of Discharging a Firearm at a Structure

Mr. French will be transported to the PCADC upon his release from the hospital, and additional charges are pending as the investigation continues. The officer who discharged his department-issued firearm has been identified as Officer Tanner Wolverton, a 7-year veteran of the Tucson Police Department. This investigation remains active and ongoing. Anyone with any information is urged to contact the Pima County Sheriff's Department at 520-351-4900, or 88-CRIME to remain anonymous.

The Pima Regional Critical Incident Team (PRCIT) was activated to handle the criminal investigation of this critical incident. The PRCIT is comprised of investigators from the Pima County Sheriff's Department, Tucson Police Department, Oro Valley Police Department, Marana Police Department, Pascua Yaqui Police Department, Sahuarita Police Department, University of Arizona Police Department, Pima Community College Police Department, 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 Pima County Sheriff's Department has been assigned primary responsibility for the criminal investigation of this critical incident. The Tucson Police Department will conduct a separate, but parallel administrative investigation, to examine the actions of their personnel. As is

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standard practice in all PRCIT investigations, all findings will be presented to the Pima County Attorney's Office once the investigation is complete.

