

Gilbert Police Department

Media Information Alert



Media Release Number	Date of Incident	Time of Incident	Type of Incident	
10-01	1/28/2010	10:42 PM	Officer Killed in Line of Duty	
Location of Incident		Report Number	PIO Writing Release	PIO Contact Number
Baseline and Val Vista Road		10-000001686	Sgt. Mark Marino	(602)208-8319

Suspect Information:

Suspect1	Redondo, Christopher	Suspect2	Irizarry, Daimen
Suspect 1 DOB	7/24/1974	Suspect 2 DOB	5/12/1979
Suspect3		Suspect 4	
Suspect 3 DOB		Suspect 4 DOB	

Summary of Event

On 01/28/2010, Lt. Eric Shuhandler (42), a 16 year veteran, was killed in the line of duty after being shot during a traffic stop at Val Vista and Baseline Road.

At approximately 2242 hours Lieutenant Shuhandler initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle at Val Vista and Baseline Road, Gilbert, for an obstructed license plate.

Lt. Shuhandler contacted the two occupants of the vehicle. He obtained their names and identification. Lt. Shuhandler requested a back – up officer respond during the investigatory stop.

Lt. Shuhandler approached the passenger side of the truck and was shot one time in the head at 2254 hours. The suspects fled in the vehicle. Two Mesa PD sergeants heard the shot while they were meeting on the north side of Baseline Road. They began to respond to check the area as a witness to the shooting notified Gilbert PD by using Lt. Shuhandler's radio. Another witness also dialed 9-1-1.

A Gilbert Police Officer spotted the suspect truck near Higley and Baseline and was immediately met with gun fire.

A pursuit was initiated that continued eastbound on US60.

Officers were being fired upon during the pursuit. The suspects threw tools and equipment from the bed of the truck. Several police cars were disabled as a result of being hit with gunfire and debris thrown in their path.

Officers from Gilbert, Mesa, DPS, Pinal County and MCSO assisted in the apprehension of these suspects.

The pursuit came to an end near Globe after the suspects stopped in the roadway. Christopher Redondo got out of the truck and engaged officers with gun fire as he ran to the front of the truck. The driver, Daimen Irizarry also fled to the front of the truck.

Officers returned fire stopping the attack. A K-9 was released and the suspects were taken into custody.

They were transported to local hospitals for non – life threatening injuries.

Lt. Shuhandler is survived by his ex-wife, sister, mother, father and two young daughters, ages 10 and 12. A memorial fund has been established at the Wells Fargo Bank. Account #1359531975