



**Chandler Police Department**  
**Media Relations Unit**  
250 East Chicago Street, Chandler, Arizona 85225



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Date/Time:** May 8, 2024 at 2:26 p.m.

**Incident:** 2024-52256

**Location:** 314 N Los Feliz Dr

**Suspect:** Ruben Lopez, 45 years old

**Officers:** Sgt. David Kerzie #5148 (13 years of service)  
Ofc. Tyler Mohny #841 (5 years of service)  
Ofc. TJ Amparan #675 (10 years of service)

### **Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer – Officer Involved Shooting**

On Sunday, May 8th, Chandler Police dispatchers received a 911 call from the homeowner at 314 N Los Feliz Dr. They reported that their live-in male relative, later identified as 45-year-old Ruben Lopez, was refusing to leave the property.

When officers arrived, the homeowner let them know that Lopez was in the backyard, talking to himself.

Officers entered the backyard through a side gate and were immediately confronted by Lopez, who was armed with two knives and asking for officers to shoot him.

Officers immediately began attempts to de-escalate the situation, starting with verbal commands, asking Lopez to drop the knives. This went on for over thirty minutes. During this time, Lopez made numerous threatening statements.

When verbal commands failed, officers used several less lethal options to try to disarm Lopez and gain compliance.



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After all available less lethal options were exhausted, de-escalation attempts continued, with Lopez now hiding behind a covered pool table with mattresses leaned up against it on the sides.

At this time, Lopez stood up from behind the pool table and ran toward the officers, still armed with both knives. Officers perceived an imminent threat and fired their duty weapons.

The officers rendered medical aid until the Chandler Fire Department took over and pronounced Lopez deceased.

The involved officers were a Sergeant with 13 years of service, a Detective with 5 years of service, and a Patrol Officer with 10 years of service. Two officers involved in this incident are assigned to the Main Station, and the other is assigned to the Desert Breeze Precinct. Per policy, the officers involved in this incident were placed on administrative leave.

This incident is the subject of both an internal and criminal investigation, which the Maricopa County Attorney's Office will review. Upon completion, this investigation will be reviewed by an external citizens use-of-force panel comprised of community members, as is standard practice in all critical force incidents.

Conclusions about whether the officers' actions are consistent with case law, department policy, and best practices in policing will not be made until all facts are known and the investigation is complete.

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