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CGPD Involved Shooting

Casa Grande, AZ – On November 18, 2016, at approximately 3:11 p.m., the Casa Grande Police Department responded to a 911 call in the 500 block of West 10th Street regarding a subject attempting to harm himself with a knife.

CGPD Officers arrived within minutes and initiated dialogue with the subject who was inside a residence. The subject exited the residence, returned inside and then exited again with a machete in his hand. Officers attempted to calm the subject and gave him numerous commands to drop the machete. The subject refused to drop the machete, became more agitated and charged towards the Officers with the machete. Officers ordered the subject to stop and, as he continued to charge towards them, they attempted to resolve this situation with less-lethal force by deploying bean bags and a Taser. The less-lethal force was not effective and the subject continued to charge toward the Officers with the machete in his hand. Officers were then forced to transition to their duty weapons. Three Officers fired at the subject. The subject fell to the ground and was immediately treated by Casa Grande Fire personnel who were already on scene. The subject was transported to Banner Casa Grande Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

The subject has been identified as 48 year old Casa Grande resident Gabriel Parker. His family and next of kin notification has been made.

No Officers were injured during this incident. The three Officers who discharged their weapons are identified as Bryan Martinez, Jeremy Ybarra and Efren Lujan. Per CGPD policy, these Officers have been placed on administrative duties at this time.

The Casa Grande Police Department is fortunate to have a working relationship with the Arizona Department of Public Safety and their agency has taken over the full investigation of this incident. Additionally, the Casa Grande Police Department would like to recognize the efforts of the AZDPS, Bureau of Land Management, Pinal County Sheriff's Office and the Pinal County Attorney's Office for assisting in the management of the incident scene.

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