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Glendale Police Credit Quick Thinking Officers for Saving Young Boy

(Glendale,AZ) Glendale police say the first officers on the scene of Wednesday's shooting at the Tanger Outlets helped save the life of a 4-year-old gunshot victim.

Just before 3pm on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, officers responded to the Tanger Outlets located near the Loop 101 and Glendale Avenue for a shots fired call. Officers arrived on the scene within two minutes of the call being dispatched. Witnesses flagged officers down telling them a 4-year-old boy had been shot. Those officers provided life-saving aid to that boy until paramedics were cleared to enter the scene and transport the child to a local hospital. That child remains in critical condition following the shooting.

Detectives have been able to determine that a 27-year-old female, a 17-year-old male and the 4-year-old boy were exiting a store at the Tanger Outlets when they came in contact with two juvenile males. The 17-year-old male was familiar with both the 15-year-old and 16-year-old males in the other group. An altercation took place among the juvenile males and the 17-year-old male pulled out a handgun and began shooting at the other teens. The 15-year-old, who also was armed with a handgun, shot back. Both males, along with the adult female and child were all injured in the shooting. Medics were able to transport the adult female, the 4-year-old child and 17-year-old male. The other teens were dropped off at a local hospital in a dark colored SUV.

Detectives are still working to determine what led to the initial altercation between the juveniles. Felony charges are pending. This was a coordinated response. Thank you to our Glendale first responders, City of Phoenix, DPS and other west valley agencies. It is believed that the quick response by law enforcement, who began providing life-saving aid, helped prevent the loss of life.



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