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Homicide Suspect Hospitalized Following Officer Involved Shooting

GLENDALE, AZ. – A 26-year-old homicide suspect is hospitalized after he exchanged gunfire with officers during a domestic violence investigation.

Just after 8:30pm on Thursday, August 25, 2022, a call came into our 9-1-1 dispatch center from an individual saying he was at a family gathering and had been stabbed. Officers responded to the area of the 69-hundred block of West McLellan and attempted to make contact with the individual. The individual refused to come to the door and was not cooperating with officers. At that time, officers heard gunfire coming from the residence and called for further assistance.

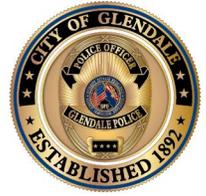
While officers were on the scene, an additional call came into the 9-1-1 dispatch center from a female caller. The female stated that she had called her father's phone and her brother answered. The female caller said her brother told her that he had shot their father. Family members made their way into the area and attempted to get the suspect to surrender to police. The suspect continued firing several shots at officers as members of the SWAT team arrived on the scene. Several more shots were fired by the suspect towards officers and SWAT vehicles. During that exchange two SWAT officers fired and injured the suspect. A K-9 was sent in to retrieve the suspect, who was taken to the hospital with critical injuries. When officers entered the home they found a deceased 48-year-old male.

The victim in this incident has been identified as 48-year-old Antonio Vargas-Granados. The suspect in this incident has been identified as his 26-year-old son, Rafael Vargas-Olvera. Vargas-Olvera is expected to survive his injuries and he faces several felony charges to include homicide, aggravated assault and attempted murder of a police officer.



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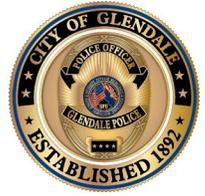


Suspect: Rafael Vargas-Olvera (26yo)



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Victim: Antonio Vargas-Granados (48yo)