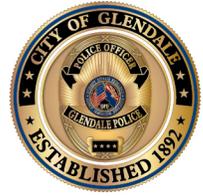




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Glendale Police Officer Involved Shooting

GLENDALE, AZ. – Glendale Police identify 26-year-old Jose Enrique Cortez as the suspect involved in an officer involved shooting. Cortez later died as a result of his injuries received during the shooting.

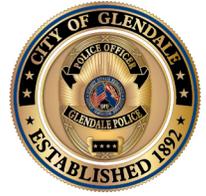
On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, just after midnight, Glendale police officers responded to a call for service near 62nd Avenue and McLellan Road. The call information said there was a male in the road yelling and banging on vehicles. An officer arrived and located Cortez. Cortez was standing beside a vehicle in the middle of the street. Cortez entered the vehicle and started to drive forward in the officer's direction. Cortez swerved into the side of the officer's fully marked patrol vehicle, sideswiped it.

Cortez continued driving away when another officer located him. Cortez eventually stopped on Ocotillo Road just East of 62nd Avenue. Cortez got out of the vehicle and started yelling at the officer and waving his arms before fleeing on foot. Officers located Cortez on 62nd Ave in front of a home. As an officer confronted Cortez, he started yelling, "shoot me". Cortez moved toward the officer in an aggressive manner as the second officer deployed a Taser, which was not effective. Cortez charged at the first officer while blading his left side forward and making furtive movements to the small of his back as if he had a gun in his rear waistband. The second officer, perceiving this as an imminent threat and fired his duty weapon striking Cortez.



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Cortez was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital where he later died from his injuries. No weapon was located. Cortez had an outstanding felony warrant for a parole violation stemming from a kidnapping charge.

The officer who discharged his weapon has been placed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure in this situation. The investigation is on-going at this time.

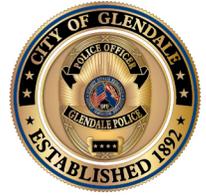


26-year-old Jose Enrique Cortez



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