

**March 20, 2015**

**Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety - Latest news update on the shootings..**

On Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 2:15p.m., Jordon Fowler called the Shiprock police district and reported his brother Justin Fowler, who was beating his wife Rayana Ramone with a pistol. Suspect Fowler was also beating his mother Cecelia Begay with a pistol. The police communications operator heard shots fired while on the phone with Jordon Fowler.

Navajo police officer Anderson Dez responded after the suspect left the scene. Upon arrival, 200 yards south of Littlewater store, reporting party Jordon Fowler pointed to Officer Dez in the direction of U.S. Highway 491 where the suspect was parked. Officer Dez sees the suspect at his vehicle. The suspect then discharges his weapon, an AR-15 semi automatic rifle at Officer Dez, who took cover at his police vehicle causing damage, but Officer Dez was unharmed. The suspect flees in his vehicle.

At 8:20pm, the suspect returns to Littlewater to the location of the mobile police command center making a u-turn in an apparent taunt fleeing the scene with Navajo police lieutenant Phillip Joe in pursuit with several police officers.

On Navajo Route 13, five miles south of Red Valley trading post, the suspect discharges his weapon toward approaching police vehicles, disabling the police vehicle operated by Lieutenant Joe. The suspect entered his vehicle, fled scene two toward Lukachukai, Arizona. At approximately 11 miles south of Red Valley trading post, responding officers came upon the suspect vehicle, parked along roadway, scene three, when the suspect discharged his weapon at officers. The officers devised and executed a plan, engaged the suspect vehicle, as the suspect discharged his weapon from behind. The suspect was subsequently shot and killed by police.

Officer Herbert Frazier was shot in the shin, Officer James Hale was shot in the right leg. Both were transported to nearby medical facilities. Officer Hale was then airlifted to the University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. Officer Alex Yazzie was fatally shot by the suspect.

Four police vehicles were damaged, two of them are non-operational.

More than 30 Navajo police officers responded from the first reported time at 2:15pm from five police districts, Shiprock, Crownpoint, Window Rock, Chinle, and Kayenta. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting the investigation with the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigation.

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