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OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING JESSE OWENS PARK

The Tucson Police Department is investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred last night on Tucson's East Side.

On June 4, 2021, just after 8:00 p.m., a TPD K9 Officer was at Jesse Owens Park, located at 400 S. Sarnoff Rd., on an unrelated matter. While at the park, the K9 officer was flagged down by a female reporting she was a victim of domestic assault but not injured. The victim provided the last known location of the male suspect, and additional officers responded to assist in the search for him. With the support of the TPD Air Unit, officers located the suspect near the far west end of the park displaying a sharp-edged weapon. Officers verbally contacted the suspect and gave him multiple commands to drop the weapon, but he refused. Officers continued to speak with the suspect until he began advancing towards them with the weapon in his hand. Two officers then discharged their firearms, striking the suspect. A TPD K9 was released to assist in taking the suspect into custody. Officers immediately began rendering aid utilizing their Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK) until Tucson Fire arrived to assist. Despite lifesaving efforts, the suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene. The suspect was identified as 45-year-old **Raymond Edwards**. His family has been notified.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Violent Crimes Unit, along with sergeants and detectives with the department's Office of Professional Standards, responded to continue the investigation. The Violent Crimes Unit is conducting the criminal portion of the investigation. Additionally, the Office of Professional Standards is conducting a separate, but parallel administrative investigation to examine the actions of department personnel. This is standard protocol in all officer-involved shootings. There were no injuries to the public and no officers were injured.

The officers involved in the shooting are Sergeant Richard Legarra, a sixteen-year veteran of the Tucson Police Department and Officer Chad Barker, a six-year veteran of the Tucson Police Department. As the investigation continues, additional details will be provided.

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