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ROAD RAGE INVESTIGATION 3400 BLOCK OF EAST GRANT ROAD

On August 17, 2021, just after 3:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown were dispatched to a 9-1-1 call reporting a shooting in the area of N. Dodge Boulevard and E. Grant Road. Upon arrival, officers received information that twin 5-year-old girls had sustained injuries during a road rage incident where the suspect shot at the children's vehicle being driven by their parents. Officers and Tucson Fire Department personnel immediately rendered aid, and one of the children was transported to a local hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

As officers continued the investigation, it was learned that the victims were in child seats in the rear of their family's vehicle when a sedan nearly collided into the victim's vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued to drive aggressively and erratically as the two cars continued eastbound on Grant Road. Near the intersection of E. Grant Rd. and N. Dodge Blvd., a verbal altercation between the passenger of the suspect's sedan and the victims' father ensued. The suspect brandished a firearm during the verbal exchange. The father feared for the safety of his family and accelerated away from the suspect's vehicle. A single gunshot was heard, and his two twin daughters began screaming. He immediately pulled over and called 9-1-1.

Detectives from the Gun Crimes Reduction Unit (GCRU) were contacted and responded to continue the investigation. Investigators conducted numerous interviews, collected video evidence from near the incident location, and obtained descriptions of both occupants of the suspect vehicle. They were also able to obtain a description of the suspect vehicle. As part of the department's violent gun crime initiative, Operations Division Midtown's Community Response Team (CRT) responded to assist in locating the vehicle. CRT is a team comprised of officers who work proactively in both a uniformed and plainclothes capacity. They are routinely deployed to assist with violent and gun crime investigations throughout the city.

Within 24 hours of the incident, both detectives with GCRU and CRT officers were able to successfully locate the suspect vehicle and identify the suspect, which resulted in the arrest of **36-year-old Dominick Cooke**. Cooke was charged with multiple felonies and booked into the Pima County Jail.



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This investigation is still ongoing and detectives are asking anyone with information to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.



Dominick Cooke

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