



Payson Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

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Pursuit of Homicide Suspect

On Monday, June 1, 2026, shortly before 7:00 AM, the Payson Police Department was notified that the suspect in a homicide that occurred in Peoria, Arizona, was possibly traveling toward the Payson area. Investigators were able to identify potential routes of travel in part through information obtained from Payson's Flock camera system.

At approximately 7:40 AM, Payson Police Officers observed the suspect vehicle entering town and attempted a traffic stop. The suspect fled, and a pursuit was initiated. Payson Police Officers, along with deputies from the Gila County Sheriff's Office, pursued the vehicle to the turnoff for the Pine Trailhead near milepost 266.5 on Highway 87. The suspect then fled on foot and was located a short distance away with what is believed to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound. No shots were fired by any law enforcement officers.

No Payson Police Officers were injured during the incident, and there is no indication of any ongoing threat to the community.

The Payson Police Department and the Gila County Sheriff's Office are assisting the Peoria Police Department in this matter. To avoid compromising their ongoing investigation, Payson PD will not be releasing additional details at this time. Any further inquiries should be directed to the Peoria Police Department.

