Auto Theft in Dewey, AZ

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In mid-October, <u>officials from the Department of Public Safety pursued a stolen vehicle</u> in a small town north of the Phoenix Valley.

As the search continued, an YCSO deputy saw an individual who matched the suspect's description near Highway 169 in Dewey, AZ. The suspect initiated a chase that ended in a commercial parking lot where he allegedly began attacking the deputy.

Car Chase

As the fight escalated, the suspect jumped into the deputy patrol vehicle in attempt to escape. The open car door hit the deputy as the suspect began driving off in the vehicle. At this point the deputy began firing at the suspect.

The suspect continued driving but stopped after hitting a tree. The man was taken into custody and it was confirmed he was the same man involved in the earlier incident, and the stolen vehicle was found nearby.

Injuries Sustained

The deputy had severe injuries on his face and upper body and was taken to a Phoenix hospital in serious condition. The suspect was checked into the Yavapai Regional Medical Center; he was later flown to a Phoenix hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Auto Theft in Arizona

According to <u>A.R.S. 13-1814</u>, auto theft occurs when another individual controls a vehicle with the intent to permanently deprive the rightful owner of the vehicle. In the state of Arizona, <u>auto theft</u> is a class 3 felony.

Aggravated Assault in Arizona

A variety of circumstances determines if an individual commits <u>aggravated assault</u>. According to <u>A.R.S.</u> <u>13-1204</u>, should an individual assault a police officer in the state of AZ, they will be charged with aggravated assault.

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