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Media update on MSCO deputies and Mesa PD officers injured in Mesa collision

On May 9, 2019 just after 4am, three uniformed MSCO deputies were meeting with three uniformed Mesa PD officers to discuss a joint investigation in the parking lot of a Circle K located at 401 S. Ellsworth Rd. in Mesa. All deputies and officers had arrived in fully marked patrol vehicles and were standing just outside those vehicles.

At approximately 4:15am a white 1996 Buick Century driving north on Ellsworth Rd. turned into the Circle K parking lot at a high rate of speed and accelerated, colliding with the rear of one of the Mesa PD vehicles and striking two of the MSCO deputies and one of the Mesa officers. One deputy and one Mesa PD officer were hit so hard they rolled onto the hood of the Buick; a second deputy was struck in the leg. The collision pushed the Mesa PD vehicle 15 feet forward.

The uninjured officers and deputy radioed for assistance and gave commands to the driver to exit the vehicle at gunpoint. The driver did not respond to the commands. Mesa PD officers broke the window of the vehicle and extracted the driver who was placed into handcuffs.

The suspect, 37-year old Carlos Albert Diaz, was driving on a suspended license, failed a field sobriety test, and admitted to using illegal drugs. Carlos was booked into the Fourth Avenue Jail for 3 counts ARS 13-1204A2: Agg Assault Dangerous Instrument / Weapon (vehicle), 6 counts ARS 13-1201A: Endangerment, 1 count ARS 28-1383A1: Agg DUI DOSL 1 count ARS 28-1381A1: DUI Drug, 1 count ARS 28-3473A: DOSL, 2 counts ARS 13-1602A1: Criminal Damage.

Both MSCO deputies and the Mesa officer were transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and were later released after treatment.