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# News

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**Officer-Involved Shooting**

On February 1, 2012, at approximately 2:48 a.m., Lake Havasu City Police Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from a female in the 3700 block of Lost Dutchman Drive stating that her boyfriend, later identified as 39-year-old Lake Havasu City resident Danny Haskell, had a gun to his head and stated he was going to kill himself. The caller also stated that Haskell was going to kill children in the residence. Haskell fired one round from his handgun while officers were enroute to the scene.

Officers were dispatched and arrived within three minutes. As they approached, officers heard a disturbance and screaming coming from inside the residence. Haskell came outside of the residence armed with a handgun. Officers on-scene took immediate action that resulted in an officer firing one shot from his service handgun. Haskell was pronounced dead at the scene. There were eleven other people inside the apartment at the time of the incident. No officers or others present at the time of the incident were injured.

Detectives from the Kingman Police Department have been called in to conduct the investigation. The officer that fired his service handgun, Gregory Melodia, is on routine administrative leave. Officer Melodia is a 12-year law enforcement veteran, all with the Lake Havasu City Police Department.

The investigation by the Kingman Police Department detectives is on-going and additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

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