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**Statement from the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association Regarding Recent Officer-Involved Shooting**

**Phoenix, AZ--** The Phoenix Law Enforcement Association (PLEA) President Michael "Britt" London issued the following statement regarding the recent officer-involved shooting:

"Over the holiday weekend, Phoenix Police Officers were investigating an aggravated assault which resulted in a critical incident. According to the Phoenix Police Department Critical Incident Briefing, during the investigation, officers began talking with a man who then locked himself in a vehicle with a gun. Officers instructed the man to drop the handgun but he did not drop the gun and began to lift it. One officer saw the gun pointed at a fellow officer and broke the passenger window trying to distract the suspect. Two other officers fired their weapons into the vehicle at the man.

"In circumstances where police officers are threatened with deadly force, our officers try to deescalate the situation but must also defend themselves.

"It is premature for [Phoenix City Councilmember Carlos Garcia](#) and other elected officials to jump to conclusions about the situation and make inflammatory comments about Phoenix Police Officers without all of the facts. This hurtful rhetoric is creating more division and distrust within our community, and is significantly impacting morale within the Phoenix Police Department. This is not a time for political gamesmanship.

"For the safety and well-being of our community, we encourage those who want to make meaningful change to work with us and not further divide our community."

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**About PLEA:**

*The Mission of PLEA is to promote the positive role of the police profession. To protect and secure members' rights and benefits through effective representation and professional relationships with the community and local, state, and national governments.*