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On Thursday, April 11th at about 5:33 p.m. Cottonwood Officers were called to the 1300 block of E. Gila St. in reference to a report of a suicidal male subject. While responding, the officers received information that the suicidal male subject had a firearm. When the officers arrived they contacted Kodie Victor (67 yoa) of Cottonwood, AZ.

At about 5:44 p.m. , after about ten minutes on scene, preliminary investigation indicates that Mr. Victor pointed his firearm at the officers. At that time Ofc. Scott Dever was forced to fire his weapon to defend himself. Fire and Ambulance personnel responded to the scene. Mr. Victor was transported to the Verde Valley Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. Mr. Victor's family has been notified.

The Arizona Department of Public Safety was requested to conduct the investigation. Officer Dever is an eight year veteran police officer. He has been placed on administrative leave as per Cottonwood P.D. Policy.

It is important to understand this investigation is in its beginning stages. The Cottonwood Police Department is assisting the Department of Public Safety with the investigation. As information is released to the Cottonwood Police Department we will provide updates as soon as possible.

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