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## Glendale mourns officer slain during traffic stop

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Glendale police Officer Anthony Holly planned to sport his new Harley-Davidson motorcycle this week with his friend Jameson Johnson. The two had planned a weekend trip to Tonto National Forest.

Now the close friends won't have that chance.

Holly, 24, of Peoria, was shot during a traffic stop early Monday at Oregon and 60th avenues, northwest of Camelback Road. He was pronounced dead at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, making him the first Glendale officer killed in the line of duty in more than 20 years.

"This is an incredible loss," Glendale Police Chief Steve Conrad said. "It's extremely traumatic for all of us."

What started with a single rose Monday afternoon grew into a makeshift memorial by nightfall, with flowers, candles and cards left near the shooting scene. Glendale officers streamed into the hospital to show their support, and Johnson, who had been planning the ride to Tortilla Flats, must now cope with his friend's death.

"I was just making plans with him on Thursday and now he's gone," Johnson said. "I hope his mom understands that there are a lot of people who will miss him."

"He had been on the force for less than two years," said Paul Frank, a former neighbor and friend of the fallen officer. "He just got out of serving his country and went right into serving his community."

Just after 7 a.m. Monday, Holly responded to a call for backup in which a driver of a car with two passengers was pulled over for a suspected registration violation, Conrad said.

Holly assisted the officer at the scene in arresting the driver, who had an outstanding warrant. After placing the driver in a police vehicle, the officers approached the car again. That's when one of the passengers stepped out of the car and pulled a gun from his pants, police said.

During a gunfire exchange, Holly and the gunman were struck. The gunman tried to get away but was arrested several feet away.

Police identified him as Bryan Hulsey. He has been booked on one count of first-degree murder and other lesser charges, police said.

The second passenger was arrested without incident, police said.

Hulsey was taken to Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix and treated for injuries that were not life-threatening, police said.

Police did not release the names of the other two men.

Chief Conrad said he met with Holly's family at the hospital. Holly was single and had no children.

"This is unfamiliar territory for us," Conrad said. "Truly, a tragic day for his family and our department."

Johnson said that Holly's girlfriend, who arrived Monday in Charlotte, N.C., was notified by officers there of his death.

Debbie Black, 54, who lives in a condo on Oregon Avenue just east of where the shooting occurred, said the injured man tried to enter her home.

She woke to the sound of her dog barking. The gunshots roused her husband, and he went out the backdoor to see what was happening.

"He (the suspect) was at my front door, and he had banged on the door and was hollering, 'Help me,' and I think he was asking for something to drink," Black said.

She said the injured man was on the sidewalk in front of her door leaning against a brick pillar where she later cleaned the blood off the pavement. His gun was laying below the bedroom window of her son, who had awakened and began praying, Black said.

"It's something that's really scary," she said. "You just never know."

"I was really sorry to hear the young officer passed away because, you know, had he not been doing his duty there's no telling what that man would have done," Black said. "He did his job, and because he was doing his job, that guy didn't get to make it into our house, and we're very thankful for that."

As she spoke, Black's thoughts returned to Holly's family.

"Let his mama know that I don't feel her son totally died in vain. I know it won't help much. Maybe it will help a little."