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In the evening hours of Saturday, February 28, 2015, Quartzsite Police Department (QPD) received a call for mutual aid assistance from numerous law enforcement agencies. Information provided to the QPD was that California law enforcement agencies were pursuing a vehicle believed to be involved in a homicide in Sonoma County, California. The vehicle was fleeing and suspects shot from the vehicle at law enforcement officers, vehicles, and the motoring public travelling eastbound on Interstate 10 toward the California-Arizona border.

QPD played a very small, but effective role in this critical incident. QPD sent one officer to assist and deploy tire spikes at approximately Mile Post 1 in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10. The homicide suspect vehicle ran over the tire spikes ending the pursuit at approximately Mile Post 1.7. The QPD Officer involved was not injured from the critical incident.

Out of mutual respect for the on-going investigation and investigating law enforcement agencies, QPD will respectfully direct all further questions about the critical incident and circumstances of the investigations to the La Paz County Sheriff's Department and the California law enforcement agencies that were involved.

The Quartzsite PD is dedicated to working with all law enforcement agencies to protect and serve our citizens and community.

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