

# Media Release

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## *Deputies arrest 3 after Paulden Shooting and Pursuit*

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Julio Gonzalez



Edgar Llanes



Hawk Osti

On August 23, 2014, just after 7:30 PM, YCSO deputies were dispatched to a shooting near Enid Drive and Bramble Drive, Paulden, Arizona. Witnesses reported seeing a suspect, seated as a passenger in a red Chevrolet Blazer, fire 2 shots towards a moving vehicle the Blazer was following. A description of both vehicles was immediately relayed to responding deputies. Witnesses also recognized the driver of the suspect vehicle as "Hawk" Osti, a 21-year-old from Paulden, Arizona.

While a deputy was investigating the shooting scene, he noticed the Chevrolet Blazer turn from Aspen Street onto Enid Drive approaching his location. The Blazer drove past the deputy, left on Bramble Drive, followed by a right turn onto Highway 89 heading south. The deputy began following the Blazer while requesting assisting units before attempting a traffic stop. At Rolling Hills Road on Highway 89 he was joined by a Chino Valley Police unit. When the deputy activated his emergency lights and siren, the Blazer refused to stop and began accelerating. The Blazer passed at least 7 vehicles on the left while reaching speeds of 100 mph as it continued south on Highway 89.

The Blazer eventually turned west on Road 4 North and continued its high speed travel. At Reed Road, officers could detect the odor of marijuana coming from the Blazer. The vehicle continued to Yuma Drive, drove north, and entered a neighborhood off of Pheasant Place. The Blazer finally came to stop near a cliff and dead end off of Young Drive in Chino Valley. Deputies arrested 3 suspects from the vehicle without incident. The driver was confirmed as Hawk Osti. The front seat passenger was identified as 20-year-old Edgar Llanes from Prescott Valley, and the rear passenger was identified as 19-year-old Julio Gonzalez – hometown not identified.

A firearm was recovered from the vehicle. It was determined the Blazer had been stolen from a location in Prescott Valley. As of this writing, there is no indication the bullets struck any nearby objects.

Gonzalez later admitted firing the weapon and claimed he was target shooting road signs. The investigation continues as to the shooting incident, its purpose, and any potential victims. Due to possible gang affiliations involving these suspects, detectives from the GITEM (Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission) task force arrived to follow-up on the shooting.

Gonzalez was booked into the Camp Verde Detention Center on charges including Misconduct Involving Weapons, Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm, Discharging Firearm at a Structure, Unlawful Use of Means of Transportation, Unlawful Flight, and Endangerment. He remains in-custody on a \$10,000 bond.

Llanes was booked into the Camp Verde Detention Center on charges including Unlawful Flight, Unlawful Use of Means of Transportation, Misconduct Involving Weapons, and Endangerment. Llanes remains in-custody on a \$7,000 bond.

Osti was also booked into the Camp Verde Detention Center. His charges include Unlawful Flight, Misconduct Involving Weapons, Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm, Discharging a Firearm at a Structure, Unlawful Use of Means of Transportation, Open Alcohol Container in Vehicle, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Endangerment. Osti remains in-custody on a \$12,000 bond.

YCSO greatly appreciates the assistance of Chino Valley Police Officers and GITEM detectives with this incident.

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[www.ycsoaz.gov](http://www.ycsoaz.gov)