

ASU POLICE RELEASE

Status	Approved	TO: Connor Greenwall
Report Type	Patrol	DATE: 7/6/2026
Primary Officer	Robert Van Buhler	Dissemination Restricted To
Investigator	None	Criminal Justice Agencies Only
Records Technician	Natalie Montgomery	Secondary Dissemination to Non-Criminal
Reported At	09/22/23 08:26	Justice Agencies Is Prohibited
Incident Date	09/22/23 08:26	
Incident Code	█ : Injured/Ill Person	
Location	401 E LEMON ST, TMP, AZ 85281 (PS 1 - Apache)	
Beat	Tempe	
Disposition	Closed (Civil Traffic, Petty Offense, Injury/Illness, Found Property)	
Disposition Date/Time	09/22/23 09:44	
Review for Gang Activity	None	

Offense Information

Offense	Field Contact
Statute	99-11
NIBRS Code	
Counts	1
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	None (no bias)
Location	School - College/University
Entry Forced	No
Supervisor Approves of Bias Motivation	No
Records Approves of Bias Motivation	No

Other

PEREZ, TRUDY

Female, DOB █

Mentioned: 99-11 - Field Contact

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█ Cell ASU

SANGIAMWONG, SARAYUTH

Male, DOB █

Mentioned: 99-11 - Field Contact

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█ Cell

STARSHIP

1450 S RURAL RD
TEMPE, AZ 85281

Mentioned: 99-11 - Field Contact

[REDACTED]
JUVENILE, Male

Mentioned: 99-11 - Field Contact

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Cell

Initial Narrative By Robert Van Buhler, 09/22/23 11:19**Starship Robot Vs Ped Incident****NARRATIVE:*******Information Report, No Crime*****

On 09/22/2023 at approximately 0830 hours I responded to ASU Parking Structure 1, located at 401 E LEMON ST, TMP, AZ 85281, in response to an injured person. Upon arrival I contacted ASU Parking and Transit Field Service Specialist, Trudy Perez, who was laying on the ground and appeared in pain on the north side of the parking structure. Perez complained of lower back pain. I did not assist Perez up as I did not want to aggravate any possible back injury and waited for Tempe Fire to respond.

Perez stated she was near a parking arm and wanted to speak with someone regarding a parked vehicle. Perez stated there was a Starship food delivery vehicle operated by Starship, on the sidewalk traveling west on the same side of the street of her (north side of Lemon Street). Perez stated she waited for the delivery vehicle to pass her and crossed behind the vehicle. When she did Perez stated the unmanned vehicle, which was in a forward gear moving away from her went into reverse and ran into her, knocking her on the ground. Perez stated the drone tried to leave and then tried to back into her again.

At approximately 0835 hours Tempe Fire E 276 arrived and treated Perez. Perez refused medical transport and stated she was going to head to ASU Medical Center. Tempe Fire assisted Perez into getting up. As they did so I observed what appeared to be a fresh laceration approximately 4" long on Perez's left arm near her elbow. I observed Perez appear to be in a lot of pain and had trouble walking away. A fellow unnamed ASU Parking employee stated he would take Perez to the ASU medical Center to be looked at.

I contacted SARAYUTH SANGIAMWONG, employee for Starship, at their office located at 1450 S Rural Road. SANGIAMWONG stated there were 19 of the unmanned food delivery drones out and would contact Starship corporate to see if they could give me access to footage from the unmanned drone vehicle.

I spoke to Analyst Jeffrey Nix who advised me he found footage of the event from two angles, please see his report for details. In the footage showed prior to the incident the Starship unmanned vehicle was waiting to cross a parking lot exit on the sidewalk. It shows the unmanned vehicle go westbound on the sidewalk and abruptly stops and backs up as a vehicle attempts to enter the parking garage. It later showed Perez walking north east and the drone traveling west. Perez is seen attempting to cross the sidewalk after the unmanned vehicle passes her and then shows the unmanned vehicle abruptly changing direction in reverse hitting Perez and knocking her down as it continued in reverse as she fell. The unmanned vehicle then goes forward away from Perez a few feet and then abruptly goes into

reverse again and heads toward Perez again, who is still on the ground. I observed when the unmanned vehicle changed direction the second time when it struck Perez, there was not a vehicle attempting to enter the garage or any other thing appearing to be in front of it. The unmanned vehicle then waits a while then leaves almost into the path of a vehicle attempting to enter into the parking garage.

██████████ From Starship contacted he and stated it would be approximately 24 hours after the unmanned vehicles returned to dock to get any footage of the incident. ██████████ asked me for Perez's information so he could contact her and offer their insurance information for her injuries and "promo codes". I advised ██████████ I did not know if I could provide her information but would pass his information along to Perez's staff. ██████████ asked for copies of our footage and report and I advised ██████████ he would have to go through ASUPD records to procure those copies. ██████████ stated he would contact me back when footage is available.

CCTV footage of the incident was uploaded to evidence.com. When ██████████ provides footage I will follow up in a supplemental report. There was no crime, this report is for information purposes only.

Supplement Narrative By Jeffrey Nix, 09/22/23 09:34

On 09/22/2023 I assisted with this case by reviewing footage. I located 2 videos that pertain to this case. They are listed below:

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09/22/2023 @ 08:13:56 AM - 08:17:10 AM

Victim is standing on the north side of the parking structure near gate arms at the exit and entrance. At which point a white food delivery robot traveling west bound on the south sidewalk, robot briefly stops midway at the north and south sidewalk (used for pedestrians who are entering and exiting structure) . Robot then proceeds westbound on sidewalk for approx 4 feet then suddenly stops and reverses to its original starting point. Unknown person who was exiting parking structure walks north bound on sidewalk and passes in front of the robot. Robot continues to remain still and doesn't move in any direction. Shortly thereafter victim proceeds to walk in a northeasterly direction on the sidewalk away from the gate arms, at the same time the robot starts to travel westbound on the sidewalk. As the victim is now almost completely behind the robot the robot suddenly reverses and strikes the victim causing victim to fall down on her back. The robot then moves westbound several feet then suddenly reverses again back toward victim who is still laying on the ground, the robot stops before striking the victim again. Victim is approached by unknown pedestrian who appears to offer aid. The robot then proceeds westbound on sidewalk starting and stopping several times and almost getting hit by a vehicle which was entering the parking structure. The robot exits camera view traveling westbound on sidewalk.

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09/22/2023@ 08:13:57 AM - 08:17:00 AM

This video provides a view of the incident from a different vantage point.

All videos listed above have been preserved and uploaded to evidence .com

This concludes my involvement in this case.