

Gunman at large after murder at Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino

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Surveillance video of a man wanted in the killing of a retired police officer outside Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino on Dec. 24, 2015. (Photo: Gila River Indian Community Police Department)

Gila River Indian Community police are looking for a gunman in a high-profile murder at Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino on Christmas Eve.

Police said Friday afternoon that an ex-convict, whom they originally named as a person of interest in the case, was cleared after numerous tips came in from the public during the day.

Police say a man fatally shot retired Bakersfield, Calif., police Officer Frank Pascua, 52, carjacked a witness and fled Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino at about 9 p.m. Thursday.

The shooting occurred in the parking lot close to the entrance of the busy casino, Gila River Detective Robert Hawkes said. The gunman then stole a vehicle belonging to another person, who had stopped to help after the shooting, police said.

Authorities said the man drove off in that vehicle, which they did not describe. He remains at large, while the Gila River police and other agencies look for him.

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