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TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY AND COLLEAGUES OF TOHONO O'ODHAM POLICE OFFICER BRYAN BROWN

SELLS, Ariz. – The Tohono O'odham Nation is mourning the loss of Tohono O'odham Police Officer Bryan Brown, who passed away on Thursday morning from critical injuries suffered during the apprehension of a suspect.

Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Ned Norris, Jr. said *"On behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation, we offer our deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Officer Bryan Brown. Today, we not only commemorate his tragic passing, but honor and remember him as he lived. We are grateful for his selfless dedication to serving and protecting our communities. His commitment made us all safer."*

Officer Bryan Brown's life was dedicated to serving his community and his country. Born in Washington state, he served in the U.S. Army for eight years, stationed Germany, and continued to serve in a civilian capacity for another three years. A 19-year veteran of the Tohono O'odham Police Department, for the past 10 years Officer Brown had served as School Resource Officer for the Nation's Baboquivari Unified School District, where he was much loved by students, parents and faculty.

Tohono O'odham Nation Vice Chairwoman Wavalene Saunders said *"In this time of great sorrow, please keep Officer Brown's loved ones in your hearts and your prayers. Please also think of his fellow officers who continue to put their lives on the line for us every day. We are grieving this loss together as a Nation, and we are thankful for the outpouring of support and condolences from across the state."*

Officer Brown is survived by his wife, seven children, four step-children, eight grandchildren, seven siblings, and his father. He was preceded in death by his mother. Donations are being handled by Lt. Wenona May of the Tohono O'odham Police Department.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A photo of Tohono O'odham Police Officer Bryan Brown is attached.

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