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Hearing today for man arrested for shooting at workers on construction site and PCSO Deputy

FLORENCE, AZ (6/19/13) – An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for today, Wednesday, at 1:30 pm for Danny Davis, a 53-year-old male arrested for allegedly shooting at 4 individuals, including construction workers and a sheriff's deputy.

On Monday, the Pinal County Sheriff's Office responded to a shots fired call at a construction site on Marigold Lane and Primrose in the Magma Ranch area of Florence. According to the probable cause statement, a deputy responding to the call was speaking with a reporting party when Davis allegedly pointed a rifle through the passenger side of a vehicle in the direction of a deputy's patrol car and discharged the weapon.

Public records indicate nearby deputies heard the shot and located Davis, who matched the description of the suspect. He was arrested and booked into the Pinal County Detention Center on one count of Attempted First Degree Murder and one count of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. As detailed in public documents, the alleged incident may include elements of racial bias or prejudice, but it is important to note, Davis is innocent until and unless proven guilty.

On Tuesday during his initial appearance, the Pinal County Attorney's Office requested Davis be held without bond and Judge Callahan scheduled a Simpson hearing for this afternoon, as a result of the request. A Simpson hearing is an evidentiary hearing used to establish reason for non-bondable custody of a defendant. If discovered during these hearings proof is evident or the presumption great that a person is guilty of one or more offenses outlined in ARS 13-3961, due process is upheld and a judge may hold a defendant without setting bond.

Pinal County Attorney Voyles said, "While Danny Davis is presumed innocent until proven guilty, I take all allegations very seriously and prosecute all cases vigorously in an effort to ensure the safety of all of our Pinal families," said Voyles. "Crimes stemming from racial motivations are intolerable in our society and if crimes meet the statutory requirements of being a hate crime, my office will certainly respond to the fullest extent of the law."

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