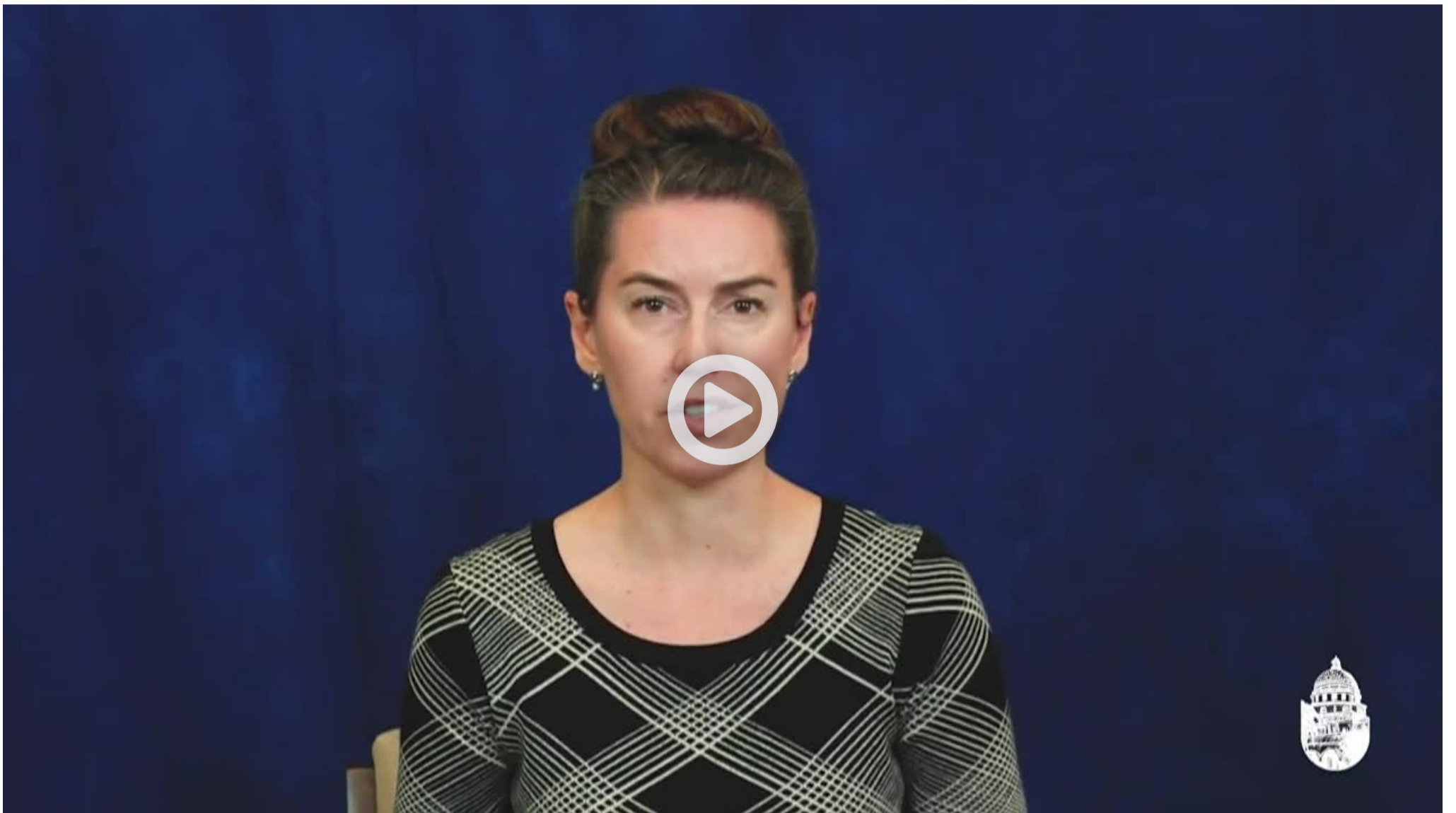


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# Pima County Attorney's Office reviewing incident in which off-duty police officer fatally shot man in mobility scooter

Ryan Remington shot Richard Lee Richards 9 times during incident at shopping center



Pima County Attorney Laura Conover said her office is investigating the fatal officer-involved shooting that happened in Tucson on Monday, Nov. 29.

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TUCSON, Ariz. (KOLD News 13) - The Pima County Attorney's Office has received evidence and is investigating the fatal officer-involved shooting [that happened in Tucson on Monday, Nov. 29.](#)

Pima County Attorney Laura Conover said her office "received the bulk of the necessary evidence from the Tucson Police Department" Friday, Dec. 10, and will "begin to evaluate the facts of the case and conduct our own investigation."

While Conover called the incident "jarring," she said her office will examine all the evidence to determine if the officer will face criminal charges.

[Tucson police attorney: Man killed in Monday officer-involved shooting may have planned suicide by cop](#)

"Charging decisions, especially involving incidents in which a loss of life has occurred, are not made based on emotion," she said. "They are based on a deliberative review of all the facts and all the evidence at hand. It is our obligation, my obligation, to get these decisions right, not rushed."

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The Tucson Police Department is investigating as well but has already moved to terminate officer Ryan Remington in connection with the shooting.

According to the TPD, Remington was off-duty and working security at a Walmart on West Valencia Road on Monday, Nov. 29.

The TPD said a Walmart employee told Remington that Richard Lee Richards, 61, had stolen a toolbox from the store.



Richard Lee Richards was shot and killed by an off-duty police officer in Tucson on Monday, Nov. 29. (Arizona Department of Corrections)

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Remington and the employee approached Richards, who was in a mobility scooter in the parking lot, and asked him for a receipt for the toolbox.

Richards allegedly responded "here's your receipt" before pulling out a knife and start heading toward the garden center of a nearby Lowe's.

The employee told investigators Richards then said "if you want me to put down the knife, you're going to have to shoot me."

Remington asked Richards to stop numerous times, but Richards ignored him and continued driving his scooter to the front of the garden center.

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Remington then shot Richards nine times, causing him to fall out of his scooter. Richards died at the scene.

Another officer's body camera captured the shooting. Below is an edited version of that video that shows the first few shots. KOLD has chosen not to show the whole video due to its graphic nature. The full video can be viewed [HERE](#).





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"The way Richard died is inexcusable and wrong. Victoria is the younger sister whom Richard leaves behind. She always has loved him and still loves him deeply. Victoria is committed to working hard to seek justice for Richard and for all people who live and struggle daily with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities."

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