



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: September 5, 2010, around 6:12 a.m.
Incident: 2010-1251419
Location: 5100 West Thomas Road
Victim: Walter Zimmer, 69-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Edgar Mendoza, 35-year-old Male MCSO booking #G209400

Arrest Made in 2010 Homicide

On Sunday September 5th, 2010, approximately 6:12 a.m., Walter Zimmer was found deceased at a bus stop near 51st Avenue and West Thomas Road. He had obvious signs of injury. At the time, detectives were unable to locate any witnesses or video surveillance. However, physical evidence was collected from the scene.

The Phoenix Police Crime lab developed an unidentified male DNA profile from that evidence.

This case was assigned to Cold case detectives, who continued the investigation. Working in collaboration with the Phoenix Crime lab, detectives received a CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) hit that matched the DNA profile to a suspect: 35-year-old Edgar Mendoza.

On Monday, September 29th, Edgar Mendoza was located and brought to Phoenix Police headquarters for questioning. During the interview, he confessed to the homicide.

This case was successfully resolved through the combined efforts of the Homicide Unit, Cold Case Squad and the Phoenix Police Crime Lab.

Sergeant Jen Zak
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