



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: September 22, 2025, around 11:45 a.m.
Incident: 2025-1387369
Location: 1000 North 36th Street
Victim: Efrin Victor Evangelista, 48-year-old, deceased

UPDATE: September 23, 2025

The victim in this case has been identified as 48-year-old Efrin Victor Evangelista.

Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez
Public Affairs Bureau

Unknown Male Found Dead

(September 22, 2025): Phoenix police detectives are investigating a homicide where a man was found dead by a canal.

On September 22, 2025, at approximately 11:45 a.m., officers responded to an area by the canal off of 36th Street and Portland Street. When officers arrived, they were directed by witnesses to a body found near the canal. Officers discovered the man was dead and in the beginning stages of decomposition with obvious signs of trauma. The area around the scene was secured, and detectives responded to investigate.

Detectives surveyed the area, collected evidence, spoke to residents in the neighborhood, and looked for surveillance. Investigators with the Office of the Medical Examiner responded and took custody of the body. Detectives await the findings from the post-mortem exam and the identification of the victim. The investigation remains active. If anyone has information, they are urged to call Phoenix police or Silent Witness, if they wish to remain anonymous.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
Public Affairs Bureau