



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Date/Time:** May 31, 2025, just before 3:45 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2025-802787  
**Location:** 1800 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Victim:** Adult male, early 50's, deceased

## **Stabbing in Central Phoenix Leaves One Dead**

(June 1, 2025): Detectives are piecing together a scene where two men were involved in a fight inside a motel room that left one of them dead.

On May 31, 2025, around 3:45 pm, officers were called to an assault at a motel near 7<sup>th</sup> Street and the I-17 freeway. When officers arrived, they were directed to a room where an unresponsive man was found on the ground with obvious signs of injuries. The fire department treated the man and transported him to the hospital where he later died. A second man was found on the motel grounds and was detained by officers after he was pointed out by several witnesses. The man also had obvious signs of injury and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Preliminary information suggests there was a fight between the two men inside a motel room. Both men were using items in the room as weapons which resulted with one of them getting stabbed with a sharp instrument. The surviving male was interviewed and provided detectives a self-defense claim. The details from the initial investigation were shared with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. In consultation with the County Attorney, the man was released pending the outcome of the case. A charging decision will be made at the conclusion of the investigation. Any additional information is part of an ongoing investigation.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
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