



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

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**Date/Time:** August 10, 2025, around 10:45 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2025-1169126  
**Location:** 18400 North 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
**Victim:** Jeremiah Ricci, 14-year-old male, deceased  
**Suspect:** Jewell Griffen, 40-year-old female, MCSO Booking# G198863

### **UPDATE: August 12, 2025**

The victim in this case has been identified as 14-year-old Jeremiah Ricci. The investigation remains active as detectives continue to process evidence. Any additional information remains part of an ongoing investigation.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
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### **Accidental Shooting Leaves Teen Dead, Mother in Jail**

(August 11, 2025): Phoenix Police detectives are investigating an accidental shooting that left one teenager dead and his mother facing criminal charges.

On August 10, 2025, at approximately 10:45 p.m., officers responded to a motel in the area of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Union Hills Drive regarding a shooting. When officers arrived, they found an unresponsive teenage male with an apparent gunshot wound. The Phoenix Fire Department arrived on the scene and pronounced the teenager deceased. Officers detained multiple people inside the motel room and learned that the victim's mother, 40-year-old Jewell Griffen, left the area shortly after police arrived. She later returned to the scene and was taken into custody.

Homicide detectives responded and took over the investigation. After processing the scene and speaking to witnesses, detectives learned the victim and his teenage brother were allowed by Griffen to handle a firearm while inside their motel room. A few moments later, the firearm discharged, resulting in one of the boys being struck. Griffen was booked on multiple charges to include child abuse.

The investigation remains active, and any additional information remains part of an ongoing investigation. Further charging decisions will be made after the investigation is complete. Next of kin notifications are pending. An updated media advisory will be shared once additional information becomes available.

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