



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

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**Date/Time:** August 19, 2025, around 10:54 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2025-1212847  
**Location:** 3415 North 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
**Victim:** Michael Montoya II, 16-year-old male, deceased  
**Suspect:** Chris Daniel Aguilar, 16-year-old, in custody

**UPDATE: August 21, 2025**

## **Suspect In Fatal Stabbing Identified**

The suspect in this incident has been identified as 16-year-old Chris Daniel Aguilar.

The Phoenix Police Department continues to support the students, staff, and entire community that has been impacted by this tragic event.

*Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

**UPDATE: August 20, 2025**

The Phoenix Police Department continues to investigate yesterday's tragic incident at a Maryvale High School that resulted in the death of a student. Late last night, homicide detectives made progress on their initial investigation by interviewing multiple witnesses and reviewing video. Detectives learned the victim, 16-year-old Michael Montoya II, was attacked while in class by another male classmate who was armed with a folding pocketknife, believed to have been brought onto campus. After the attack, the suspect ran out of the classroom and dropped the knife. He was seen by security staff bleeding from his hand and was placed into custody. Both Montoya and the suspect were taken to separate hospitals. Montoya died from his injuries while at the hospital.

Detectives continue to ask anyone with any information or videos to submit those items to Phoenix police through the provided QR code. You can also remain anonymous by providing information through Silent Witness at 480-WITNESSS. The investigation remains active. Any additional information remains part of an ongoing investigation.

Our thoughts remain with Montoya's family, friends, classmates, and the entire community. We continue to work with the district and school administrators to support students, staff, and families.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

## **Stabbing on School Grounds Leaves Student Dead**

(August 19, 2025) The Phoenix Police Department is deeply saddened to report that a fight that took place on a high school campus earlier today resulted in the stabbing death of a teenage student. The suspect, a second teenager, is in custody at a local hospital suffering from non-life-threatening injuries.

On August 19, 2025, at approximately 10:54 a.m., a Phoenix police officer, working as a School Safety Officer for Maryvale High School, was alerted by school staff that an assault had occurred inside one of the classrooms. The officer was directed to the administration building, where he detained one of the students involved. A second student was located by officers and firefighters suffering from multiple stab wounds. He was quickly treated on scene and rushed to the hospital, where he died from his injuries.

School safety is a top priority for the police department. We understand the fear and concern the community may have following this tragic incident. The scene is safe, and there were no additional injuries. We are working closely with school and district officials to review security measures.

Detectives are still gathering information and are still on scene processing evidence, interviewing witnesses, and collecting digital evidence. Any additional information remains part of an ongoing investigation. Next of kin notifications are pending. An updated media advisory will be shared once additional information becomes available.

Investigators are asking anyone with videos or photos relating to this incident to submit them by using the QR code below or clicking the link [here](#).



*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*