



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

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**Date/Time:** May 24, 2025, around 7:32 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2025-766654  
**Location:** 2400 South Central Avenue  
**Victim:** Stephanie Barr, 35-year-old, deceased  
**Suspect:** William Washington, 53-year-old, Booked MCSO G181424

## **Detective Make Arrest in Deadly Stabbing**

(May 26, 2025) Patrol officers responding to a stabbing scene south of downtown Phoenix located and arrested a man accused of stabbing and killing 35-year-old Stephanie Barr.

At about 7:32 p.m., on Saturday night, officers were called to a stabbing incident in the area of 2400 South Central Avenue. As officers arrived at the scene, they located an adult female victim suffering from a stab wound. The woman later identified as 35-year-old Stephanie Barr was taken to the hospital; however, was not able to overcome her injuries and died. Patrol officers began searching the nearby area and located 53-year-old William Washington who was taken into custody without incident.

Homicide detectives responded and took over the investigation. It was learned Washington was in an argument with another male when he pulled out a knife. Barr attempted to separate the two and was stabbed by Washington during the altercation. Washington was arrested and booked into jail for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder under booking number G181424. Additional details related to this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation.

*Sergeant Brian Bower*  
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