



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 22, 2025, around 9:19 p.m.
Incident: 2025-592573
Location: 3500 West Van Buren Street
Victim: Jose Castillo, 18-year-old male, deceased
Suspect: Ruben Ruiz Jr., 18-year-old, Booked MCSO G174588

UPDATE: April 28, 2025

The victim in this case, 18-year-old Jose Castillo, died as a result of his injuries. Ruben Ruiz Jr. is currently facing second degree murder charges. The investigation remains active and additional details related to this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
Public Affairs Bureau

Arrest Made in Shooting That Left Victim Hospitalized

(April 28, 2025) Detectives worked diligently to identify and arrest 18-year-old Ruben Ruiz Jr. for the shooting of an adult male who was hospitalized with life threatening injuries in west Phoenix.

On April 22, 2025, just after 9:00 p.m., officers were called to a shooting at a parking lot in the area of 3500 West Van Buren Street. When officers got to the scene, they located an adult male suffering from at least one gunshot wound. Phoenix Fire responded and took the victim to the hospital in critical condition. Doctors at the hospital believe the injuries inflicted to the victim are not survivable.

Homicide detectives assume the investigation and learned that prior to the shooting, an altercation happened in the parking lot between the two involved subjects. After meticulous work collecting evidence and witness statements, detectives identified and arrested Ruben Ruiz Jr. On April 24, 2025, Ruiz Jr. was booked into jail for 2nd degree murder under booking number G174588. Additional details related to this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation

Sergeant Brian Bower
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