



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



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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Date/Time:** July 13, 2025, around 7:43 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2025-1021517  
**Location:** 7300 North 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
**Victim:** Kwame Hightower, 25-year-old, deceased

## **Homeowner Shoots Burglary Suspect**

(July 14, 2025) A man was shot and killed in the backyard of a Phoenix home by the homeowner Sunday morning.

At about 7:43 a.m. on July 13, 2025, a homeowner called into 9-1-1 advising a man was in his backyard trying to force his way into his occupied home. While on the phone with the 9-1-1 operator, the homeowner shot the man while he was in the backyard. Officers arrived at the scene and had the homeowner and his family, including small children, exit the house. Phoenix Fire responded and pronounced the man deceased at the scene.

Detectives took over the investigation and were provided a statement from the homeowner. After initial review of the evidence and all statements made to investigators, the homeowner was released from police custody. Further details concerning this incident are part of an ongoing investigation which will be reviewed by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

*Sergeant Brian Bower*  
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