



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: January 15, 2024, at 10:01 p.m.
Incident: 2024-72480
Location: 2500 West Hazelwood Street
Victim: Willie Earl Dodd, 62-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Gary Cole Jr, 47 year-old, booked, G223166

UPDATE: December 10, 2025

On December 9, 2025, Gary Cole Jr was arrested for the murder of Willie Earl Dodd. Gary was booked into ITR on murder charges stemming from this investigation.

Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez
Public Affairs Bureau

Homicide Investigation

(January 16, 2024) Phoenix police detectives are investigating a homicide near 2500 West Hazelwood Street that left one man dead and a woman injured.

Last night on January 15, 2024, around 10:00 p.m., officers responded to a call of a shooting near 2500 West Hazelwood Street. A man and woman were found suffering gunshot wounds. Both were transported to the hospital by the fire department. The man was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Homicide detectives responded to take over the investigation. Several witnesses were interviewed, and the scene was processed for any evidence. The suspect(s) remains outstanding. Details about what led up to the incident remain part of the ongoing investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Silent Witness at 480(WITNESS) or 480(TESTIGO) and provide an anonymous tip. Rewards will be paid for information leading to an arrest in this case.

Sergeant Melissa Soliz
Public Affairs Bureau