



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 9, 2026, around 12:45 a.m.
Incident: 2026-482456
Location: 10600 West Heatherbrae Drive
Victim: Lori Ann Perez, 47-years-old, deceased
Suspect: Richard Benjamin Charles, 46-years-old, deceased

Homicide Investigation

On April 9, 2026, at around 12:45 a.m., officers responded to the area of 106th Avenue and Heatherbrae Drive regarding shots being fired. When officers arrived on the scene, they located an adult female, later identified as 47-year-old Lori Ann Perez, with at least one gunshot wound inside a vehicle. The Phoenix Fire Department arrived on the scene and pronounced Perez deceased.

Homicide and Night detectives responded to assume the investigation and began processing the scene. While detectives began processing the scene, they learned that Perez's boyfriend, later identified as 46-year-old Richard Benjamin Charles, may have been involved in the incident and lived in the area. Officers with the Special Assignments Unit responded to serve a search warrant at Charles' residence. As they entered the residence, Charles shot himself. The Phoenix Fire Department was on scene and pronounced Charles deceased. Additional details related to this incident remain a part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Lorraine Fernandez
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