



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 14, 2025, just after 4:00 p.m.
Incident: 2025-232264
Location: 1000 West Tonto Street
Victim: Darius Smith, 35-year-old male, deceased

Man Found Dead at a Central Phoenix Apartment

(February 15, 2025): Detectives are looking for a suspect involved in a horrific beating that left one man dead.

On February 14, 2025, around 4:00 pm, officers were called to a dead body call at an apartment near 10th Avenue and Tonto Street. When officers arrived, they were directed to an apartment where they found 35-year-old Darius Smith with obvious signs of trauma. It was determined Smith died before police arrived.

Detectives responded to process the scene, speak to witnesses, and attempt to locate surveillance footage. Preliminary information suggests there were signs of foul play. Currently, no suspects have been detained; however, detectives are actively following leads. Anyone with information can call Phoenix police or Silent Witness, if they wish to remain anonymous.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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