



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: January 21, 2025, just after 10:00 p.m.
Incident: 2025-106542
Location: 2100 West Palo Verde Drive
Victim: Jonte Hendrix, 31-year-old, deceased

UPDATE: January 27, 2025

The victim in this case has been identified as 31-year-old Jonte Hendrix. This remains an active investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
Public Affairs Bureau

Man Fatally Shot in Alleyway, Suspect Claims Self-Defense

(January 22, 2025): Detectives continue to process evidence collected after a nighttime shooting that left a man dead.

On January 21st, 2025, around 10:00 pm, officers were called to a shooting behind a home near 20th Avenue and Bethany Home Road. When officers arrived, they found a man on the ground in an alley and suffering from a gunshot wound. The fire department responded and took the man to the hospital where he later died from his injuries. Two men came from one of the homes and told officers they were involved in the shooting. Both men were detained.

Detectives responded to take over the investigation. Investigators processed the scene, spoke to witnesses and searched for video surveillance. During the investigation, one of the men admitted to shooting the victim after fearing for the safety of his relative, when the victim threw a rock at him. Detectives spoke to the relative, who also provided a similar statement.

Both men were released, pending the outcome of the case. A charging decision will be made at the conclusion of the investigation. Victim identification is awaiting next of kin notification. Any additional information is part of an ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
Public Affairs Bureau

