



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: September 8, 2025, at about 2:09 p.m.
Incident: 2025-1317286
Location: 4900 East McDonald Drive
Victim: Harald Schindler-Chudzinsky, 63-year-old male, deceased

Missing Hiker Identified

(September 12, 2025) Detectives have identified a missing man who was found deceased in the Echo Canyon hiking area of Phoenix on Monday afternoon. A missing person report filed on September 2, 2025, from outside of the City of Phoenix developed into a full search of Echo Canyon Trail.

On September 5, 2025, Phoenix Missing Persons Detectives along with Park Rangers searched the trails of Echo Canyon on foot and utilized drones and police helicopter. Unsuccessful in the search, detectives continued to investigate. On September 8th just after 2:00 p.m., Phoenix Park Rangers located a deceased man along an inaccessible area of the park. Phoenix Fire responded and pronounced the man deceased. Recovery efforts continued the following day when Phoenix Fire personnel were able to safely extract the man from the mountain.

On September 11, 2025, Detectives confirmed with the Medical Examiner's Office that the individual extracted from the mountain was missing person Harald Schindler-Chudzinsky. There are no indications that this incident is suspicious in nature.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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