



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



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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Date/Time:** January 10, 2025, around 12:20 a.m.  
**Incident:** 2025-45686  
**Location:** 5300 West Thomas Road  
**Victim:** Samuel Rocha, 47-year-old, deceased  
**Suspect:** Edwin Diaz-Garcia, 30-year old, booked MCSO G159921  
**Suspect:** Michael Villegas, 40-year-old, booked MCSO G154262  
**Suspect:** April Angerer, 22-year-old, Booked MCSO G153552

**UPDATE: February 17, 2025**

This update is being released to provide the name and booking number of the third suspect, 30-year-old Edwin Diaz-Garcia, whom detectives have arrested in connection with this case. No other suspects are believed to be outstanding.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

**UPDATE: January 24, 2025**

This update is being released to provide the names and booking numbers of two suspects detectives have arrested in connection with the January 10<sup>th</sup> murder of Samuel Rocha.

*Sergeant Brian Bower*  
*Public Affairs Bureau*

## **Overnight Shooting Leaves Man Dead**

(January 10, 2025) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a west valley shooting that claimed the life of a man.

On January 10, 2025, around 12:20 a.m., officers responded to the area of 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Thomas Road regarding a shooting. When officers arrived, they located an adult male, identified as 47-year-old Samuel Rocha, with at least one gunshot wound. Rocha was transported to a nearby hospital where he did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Homicide detectives responded to assume the investigation. Additional details related to this 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 Rob Scherer  
Public Affairs Bureau*

