



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: January 15, 2025, at about 8:04 a.m.
Incident: 2025-71320
Location: 7500 West Interstate-10 Freeway
Victim: Erian Sandoval, 26-year-old, deceased
Shooter: Adult male

Detectives Investigate Deadly Freeway Shooting

(January 16, 2025) Homicide detectives responded to a fatal shooting that happened during morning rush hour traffic on Interstate 10 in west Phoenix.

Just after 8:00 a.m., officers were called to a shooting that happened on Interstate 10 Freeway affecting westbound traffic. Officers contacted a man detained by Department of Public Safety (DPS) Troopers in the parking lot of a local restaurant near 1400 North 75th Avenue. The man called into 9-1-1 acknowledging involvement in the shooting leading troopers to his location. The man was turned over to Phoenix Police homicide detectives who later interviewed him. DPS Troopers also assisted in initially contacting the victim of the shooting who had crashed his car into the median barrier of the Freeway. The victim was later identified as 26-year-old Erian Sandoval who was declared dead by responding Phoenix fire personnel.

Detectives responded to the scene and learned the victim and the shooter were driving west on I-10 Freeway when they got into a confrontation. This led to the victim being shot and subsequently crashing into the median barrier of the freeway. The shooter was interviewed and released pending additional investigation.

Upon completion of this investigation, the case will be submitted and reviewed by Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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