



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 4, 2022, 8:00 p.m.
Incident: 2022-675065
Location: 7th Avenue and Pima Road
Victim: Martha Adrianna Alejo – 32-year-old female – deceased

Phoenix Mother Killed in Drive-by Shooting

Gun violence has claimed the life of an innocent bystander caught in a barrage of gunfire. Several other innocent bystanders were also in the direct line of fire, but no one else was injured.

Police were called to the area of 7th Avenue and Pima Road about a person shot Wednesday night at around 8 p.m. When they got there, they found 32-year-old Martha A. Alejo suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest.

Alejo was standing in line waiting for food with her pre-teen son when the shooting took place. Several others were also in line.

Witnesses tell investigators a car stopped in front of the business and started firing shots at the people in line. The car then took off southbound on 7th Avenue. The suspects remain on the loose. Detectives do not believe Alejo was the intended target.

Investigators from several units are working together to gather evidence, talk with witnesses and follow up on every lead they uncover.

“We know that violent crime in our city has been on the rise. No one should have to worry about being shot as they stand in line for food. And no child should have to see their mother gunned down for no reason,” said Commander Warren Brewer, head of Phoenix Police Department’s Violent Crimes Bureau.

The Phoenix Police Department is committed to using every resource at our disposal to find whoever is responsible so they can be held accountable.

Statistics show that guns were used in 80% of the homicides in 2021. Reducing violent crime requires everyone to work together. We appreciate the support and help from our community and law enforcement partners.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Phoenix Police Department, or Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS (480-TESTIGO for Spanish Speakers) if they wish to remain anonymous.