



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 17, 2023, just before 3:30 p.m.
Incident: 2023-575761
Location: Dunlap Avenue and Black Canyon Highway
Victim: Elijah Johnson, 18-year-old male, deceased
Suspect: Sir Amir Williamson, 17-year-old male, in custody

Suspect Arrested and Booked For Murder

UPDATE: April 21, 2023

Earlier this morning, suspect Sir Amir Williamson turned himself in to Phoenix Police Headquarters. After his interview, he was been booked into the Juvenile Correction Center for murder. His mother, 45-year-old Tanyelle Williams was also arrested and booked for hindering prosecution for hiding Williamson to avoid his apprehension.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
Public Affairs Bureau

UPDATE: April 21, 2023

Follow up related to this investigation led to investigators to the Wickenburg area. The suspect identified in this case is in custody and currently being interviewed by detectives. This remains an ongoing investigation. For information pertaining to the pursuit that began in Wickenburg, please reach of to the Wickenburg Police Department.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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UPDATE: April 19, 2023

Detectives Seeking Assistance in Locating Homicide Suspect



Homicide detectives have identified the suspect in this case as 17-year-old Sir Amir Williamson. Detectives learned Williamson was in a verbal argument with his cousin, victim Elijah Johnson, inside a motel room just before the shooting. Williamson left the area before police arrived and is currently out on the loose. We ask anyone with information to contact the Phoenix Police Department or Silent Witness if they wish to remain anonymous. Williamson is considered armed and dangerous, so we ask anyone who locates Williamson to not approach him and contact the police immediately.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky
Public Affairs Bureau*

UPDATE: April 18, 2023

The victim in this case has been identified as 18-year-old Elijah Johnson. The investigation remains active.

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Homicide in the I17 Corridor

(April 18, 2023): Detectives are investigating a shooting that left one man dead at an extended stay motel.

Phoenix police officers were dispatched to an emergency call of a shooting in front of a motel room near Dunlap Avenue and Black Canyon Highway. When officers arrived, they found a man on the ground suffering from a gunshot wound. The fire department responded and transported the man to the hospital where he later died from his injuries.

Detectives responded to investigate the shooting and to speak with witnesses. Currently, no suspects have been detained. If there is anyone with information, they are asked to contact the Phoenix Police Department or Silent Witness if they wish to remain anonymous.

*Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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