



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: December 20, 2023, just before 6:00 a.m.
Incident: 2023-1904065
Location: Black Canyon Highway and Thomas Road
Victim: Kenneth Stanford, 62-year-old male, deceased

UPDATE: December 21, 2023

The victim in this case has been identified as 62-year-old Kenneth Stanford. After further investigation, it appears Stanford may have been stabbed and not shot. This information will be confirmed after a post-mortem exam is completed by of the Office of the Medical Examiner. The investigation remains active.

Early Morning Homicide Near the I-17 Corridor

(December 20, 2023) Detectives are investigating a shooting at a hotel that left one man dead; and a suspect outstanding.

Early this morning officers were called to a shooting that was reported near a restaurant at Black Canyon Highway and Thomas Road. When officers arrived, they found a man suffering from a gunshot wound. The fire department responded and transported the man to the hospital where he died from his injuries.

Officers spoke to witnesses and learned the man walked up to the restaurant and said he was shot. Officers checked the surrounding area and found evidence of a shooting inside a room at a nearby hotel.

Detectives responded to investigate the shooting by interviewing witnesses and searching for evidence. No suspects have been detained. Anyone with information is urged to call Phoenix police or Silent Witness if they wish to remain anonymous.

Sergeant Phil Krynsky
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