



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: January 14, 2023, at about 1:50 p.m.
Incident: 2023-68679
Location: 10919 South Central Avenue
Victim: Jerole Tsinnijinnie, 31-year-old, deceased

UPDATE: August 4, 2023

In July of this year, the victim in this case was identified as 31-year-old Jerole Tsinnijinnie. This case remains an ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
Public Affairs Bureau

UPDATE: February 10, 2023

Composite Sketch Released of Skeletal Remains

The Phoenix Police Homicide Unit has been actively investigating a case related to the discovery of human remains and additional items of evidence recovered from South Mountain Park and Preserve in January of this year. At this time police are looking for help to identify the skeletal remains found. Investigators also located the unidentified victim's clothing; a dark blue sweatshirt, jeans, a plaid dress shirt, Converse shoes, and a set of car keys. The victim possibly resembled the composite sketch attached.

The victim was believed to be a white or Hispanic male in his twenties, approximately 5' 8" tall, wearing an Arrow brand plaid dress shirt, a dark blue Fruit of the Loom zip-up hooded sweatshirt, dark colored jeans, and Converse All-Stars shoes.

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UPDATE: January 29, 2023

During the search at South Mountain Park and Preserve on Saturday January 28, 2023 detectives located additional human remains. Evidence located during the search will continue to further the investigation and help identify the victim. The remains were given to the Maricopa County Forensic Medical Center. Detectives continue to work this on-going case.

Melissa Soliz
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UPDATE: January 28, 2023

This incident is now being investigated as a homicide. Currently the Phoenix Homicide Unit is conducting an evidentiary search in portions of South Mountain Park and Preserve. This area will be shut down until the search is complete.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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South Mountain Hiker Finds a Human Skull

(January 19, 2023) Phoenix Homicide detectives are investigating a human skull that was found by a hiker in the South Mountain Preserve.

Phoenix Officers were called to the South Mountain Park located at 10919 South Central Avenue after a hiker located a human skull. Inspection of the skull showed what appeared to be trauma resulting in detectives with the Phoenix Homicide Bureau taking over the investigation.

Detectives are actively following up on all leads and will continue to work with the Maricopa County Medical Examiner's Office and Missing persons Detectives to identify the victim and any suspect responsible. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Phoenix Police Department, or Silent Witness (480-WITNESS or 480-TESTIGO for Spanish Speakers).

Sergeant Brian Bower
Public Affairs Bureau