



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: December 19, 2024, at about 02:22 a.m.
Incident: 2024-1860605
Location: 16000 North 32nd Street
Victim: Joseph Gaona, 47-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Michael Miller, 35-year-old, MCSO Booking #G148799

UPDATE: January 3, 2025

Since the homicide, detectives have been working on all available leads. These leads lead them to identify a suspect vehicle, and ultimately the suspect of this homicide, who has been identified as 35-year-old Michael Miller.

Miller was contacted by police on December 23, 2024 and arrested for being in possession of a firearm while being a prohibited possessor. This investigation continued and eventually established probable cause to re-book Miller on charges related to the homicide to include murder. Miller is the lone suspect believed to be involved in the homicide.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
Public Affairs Bureau

Shooting Victim Dies at the Hospital

(December 20, 2024) Victim dies after he was taken to the hospital early Thursday morning from apparent gunshot wounds suffered in north Phoenix.

Patrol officers responded to a shooting investigation after 47-year-old Joseph Gaona was found suffering from a gunshot wound near 16000 North 32nd Street. After being taken to the hospital, Gaona was not able to overcome his injuries and passed away.

Detectives responded to the scene to take over the investigation. It was learned; the victim had been shot in the area by an unknown suspect(s) who had left the area prior to police response.

Investigators encourage anyone with details of this case to call into Silent Witness. You will remain anonymous when calling into 480-WITNESS.

Sergeant Brian Bower
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