



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: September 21, 2025, around 2:31 a.m.
Incident: 2025-1381234
Location: 2000 North 52nd Drive
Victim: Gabriel Soto Hernandez, 28-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Edward Sanchez, 43-year-old, MCSO booking #G207894

West Valley Shooting Leaves Man Dead Another in Jail

(September 23, 2025) Phoenix Police detectives are investigating a west Phoenix shooting that left a man dead.

On September 21, 2025, at around 2:30 a.m., officers responded to the area of 52nd Drive and Hubbell Street regarding a person shot. When officers arrived, they were directed to a nearby home, where, inside, they found an adult male, identified as 28-year-old Gabriel Soto Hernandez, with at least one gunshot wound. Hernandez was pronounced deceased on scene.

Phoenix Police Homicide Detectives responded to assume the investigation. As the investigation was being conducted, a potential suspect was identified as 43-year-old Edward Sanchez. Ultimately, probable cause was established, and Sanchez was arrested. During an interview, Sanchez admitted to his involvement but gave a self-defense claim. On September 21, 2025, Sanchez was booked on multiple charges, including murder.

Additional details related to this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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