



**Phoenix Police Department**  
**Public Affairs Bureau**  
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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Date/Time:** November 19, 2025, around 12:20 p.m.  
**Incident:** 2025-1673201  
**Location:** 7337 North 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Orangewood Elementary School  
**Victim:** Student  
**Suspect:** Abel Kai Gblah, 25-year-old, MCSO Booking #G219638

## **Man Arrested for Incident at Elementary School**

(November 20, 2025) A Phoenix man is in jail after having sexual contact with a student at a local elementary school.

On November 19, 2025, at around 12:20 p.m., officers were called to Orangewood Elementary School after school administrators reported an incident that occurred on campus. When officers arrived, they learned an unauthorized man had made it onto school grounds and lured a grade-school aged girl into a classroom where he sexually assaulted her. At some point, the student was able to push the man away. He then ran from the scene before officers arrived.

Officers worked closely with school officials and conducted immediate follow-up. Officers located a man they believed to be the suspect, identified as 25-year-old Abel Kai Gblah, nearby. Phoenix police detectives took over the investigation. Abel Kai Gblah was booked into jail on multiple charges to include sexual assault and kidnapping. Additional details related to this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation.

The Phoenix Police Department recognizes the impact this incident has on the child, the family, and the entire community. We are ensuring the child and the family have access to the full range of support services they may need during this difficult time.

*Sergeant Rob Scherer*  
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