



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 7, 2026, around 9:03 p.m.
Incident: 2026-628551
Location: 2400 North 24th Street
Victim: Billy Joe Carrethers, 44-year-old, deceased
Suspect: Christopher Ebanks, 32-year-old, MCSO booking #G253691

UPDATE: May 13, 2026

The victim in this case has been identified as 44-year-old Billy Joe Carrethers.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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Homicide Investigation

On May 7, 2026, at approximately 9:03 p.m., officers responded to the area of 24th Street and Oak Street regarding an unknown trouble call. Information provided to dispatch indicated that a man had been killed inside a nearby home and that his body remained inside the residence.

Upon arrival, officers located the involved home and made entry. Inside, they found the remains of an adult male. The Phoenix Police Department's Homicide Unit responded and assumed responsibility for the investigation.

During the course of the investigation, detectives learned that earlier in the evening the victim had been killed by another man during an altercation inside the home. Investigators followed multiple leads and identified the suspect as 32-year-old Christopher Ebanks.

On May 8, 2026, Ebanks was located and taken into custody. He was booked into jail on charges related to this incident, including murder. At this time, no additional suspects are being sought.

Additional details remain part of the ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer

