



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



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: February 28, 2026, around 2:05 a.m.
Incident: 2026-280365
Location: 5400 South 19th Avenue
Victim: Mehki Saenz, 18-year-old, deceased
Victim: Juvenile male (teen), hospitalized

Homicide Investigation

On February 28, 2026, at around 2:00 a.m., officers responded to the area of 5400 South 19th Avenue regarding a shots fired call. When officers arrived, they found juvenile teen male with at least one gunshot wound. The teen was transported to a nearby hospital, but he did not survive his injuries was pronounced deceased. A second juvenile teen male self-transported to a nearby hospital with at least one gunshot wound, and was later determined to have suffered injuries as part of the same shooting.

Phoenix Police Homicide Detectives responded to assume the investigation. Additional details related to this incident remain part of the ongoing investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Phoenix Police Department or to call Silent Witness at 480(WITNESS) or 480(TESTIGO) and provide an anonymous tip. Rewards will be paid for information leading to an arrest in this case.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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